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***CHAMPIONS OF SMALL BUSINESS***

This Otsego County Chamber Small Business Banquet event has grown to become one of the region’s most important events recognizing regional small businesses that have made a durable commitment to embracing the workplace and community.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**The 2018 Small Business Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at The Otesaga Resort Hotel. Cocktail reception starts at 5:45p.m followed with dinner at 7:00p.m**

**Award Criteria:**

Breakthrough Award: This award is a celebration of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit and will be given to a business or individual in Otsego County that has shown new innovative, creativity, entrepreneurship and growth potential. A non-member business may be nominated by a current member of the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce.

**Small Business Award:**  This award is given to an Otsego County business that has made a sustained and substantial impact in the community. Please note that a small business is an employer of 50 (FTE) or less people and must be a current Otsego County Chamber of Commerce member.

Nomination forms may be emailed to baheegan@otsegocc.com or mailed to Otsego County Chamber 189 Main Street Suit 500, Oneonta, N.Y. 13820
**Nominations are due no later than Friday, September 14, 2018, by close of business.**

**Nominator Information**

Nominator Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your connection to the nominee?: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which award are you nominating them for?: \_\_\_\_\_\_**Breakthrough** **Award** \_\_\_\_\_\_**Small Business Award**

**Nominee Information**

Nominee Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nominee Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Website: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Past Small Business Honorees**

18th – Keller Williams Upstate NY Properties

17th – Wahl to Wahl Auto

16th – Barnyard Swing

15th – Lutz Feed Company

14th – Five Star Subaru of Oneonta

13th – Benson Agency Real Estate, LLC

12th – Gruver, Zweifel & Scott, LLP

11th – Hometown Oneonta/The Freeman’s Journal

10th – James Jordan Associates, Architects

 9th – The Shipping Room

 8th – Information Systems Division (ISD)

 7th – Eastman Associates, Inc.

 6th – H. W Naylor Company, Inc.

 5th – Gordon B. Roberts Agency

 4th – Cooperstown Bat Company

 3rd – Ultimate Broadcasting
 2nd – Sport Tech
 1st – Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard, Inc.

**Past Breakthrough Award Honorees**

12th – The Family Engagement Center at Springbrook

11th – Hartwick College

10th – Northern Eagle Pelletizing Co.

 9th – A.O. Fox Hospital

 8th – Brooks Bottle, LLC

 7th – Green Earth Health Food Market

 6th – Cleinman Performance Partners

 5th – The Green Toad Bookstore

 4th – Ioxus, Inc.

 3rd – Cooperstown Cookie Company

 2nd – GrafiQa (now known as Vibrant Creative)

 1st – T. S. Pink Corporation

**Please describe why you feel this nominee deserves to receive the award.**

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