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## 2007 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards Celebration on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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The University of Connecticut Family Business Program proudly invites you to attend the 2007 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards Ceremony. The Connecticut Family Business of the Year Award is a prestigious way to recognize and honor those family businesses that embody core family values and the best of American free enterprise. Nine finalists will be honored at a ceremony on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2007. The Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards celebration recognizes successful family firms in Connecticut. Winners are chosen by a panel of judges with placements announced on the evening of the awards ceremony. Finalists are evaluated based on business success, positive family and business linkage, multi-generational family involvement, dynamic contributions to community and industry, and innovative business practices or strategies. This year's honorees include:

BGR Radiator; Plainfield  
Cavaliere Industries, Inc.; Stamford  
Century Spring Mfg Co., Inc.; Bristol  
Curtis Packaging Corporation; Sandy Hook  
Motorlease Corporation; Farmington  
ProMold Plastics; Cromwell  
Schmitt Sussman Enterprises, Inc.; Orange  
Teddy's Transportation System, Inc.; Norwalk  
The Hawley Companies; Danbury



A strong promoter of family values, entrepreneurship and empowering women, Doris Christopher, Founder and Chairman of The Pampered Chef®, will present the keynote address kicking off the 2007 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards Celebration on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Doris Christopher, Founder and Chairman of The Pampered Chef®, will present the keynote address for the awards ceremony. Inspired by her dedication to preserving the tradition of family mealtimes - and driven by the entrepreneurial spirit - Doris Christopher, with the support of her husband, founded The Pampered Chef® from the basement of their suburban Chicago home in 1980 with a \$3,000 initial investment. More than twenty years later, The Pampered Chef® has blossomed into a \$700 million enterprise (at the time of the Berkshire Hathaway acquisition) and has over 70,000 consultants worldwide. The Pampered Chef® provides solutions for those who want a healthy balance between career and family - boasting a legacy of empowering women and fostering entrepreneurship. Ms. Christopher is the author of two books - *Come to the Table: A Celebration of Family Life* and *The Pampered Chef®: The Story of One of America's Most Beloved Companies*.

"I am thrilled that Doris Christopher has accepted our invitation to present the keynote address for the UConn Family Business Program's 2007 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards Ceremony" notes Priscilla Cale, Director of the Family Business Program at UConn. "Her's is a story of true entrepreneurship and family unity - the courage, the drive, and the resourcefulness to identify an opportunity and not just take advantage of it, but also execute a vision while remaining true to her core values. A remarkable leader, a role model, and a philanthropist, she has empowered so many upstart entrepreneurs and reasserted the notion that the American Dream is within reach of each of us - in our own homes."

### Joint UConn Family Business Program & CBIA "Family Business Survey" release

Results of the Joint University of Connecticut Family Business Program & CBIA Survey on Family Firms is also set for official release on November 14<sup>th</sup> with a special announcement at the awards ceremony. The 2007 Family Business Survey is an important assessment in understanding the economic and strategic status of Connecticut's family firms. The survey is an effort to provide opportunities for family firms to benchmark their business in relationship to businesses of similar size and scope while providing the University of Connecticut School of Business Family Business Program and CBIA valuable information for future programming. All attendees of the 2007 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards will receive a copy of the survey results.

### About the University of Connecticut Family Business Program

Drawing from the academic backbone of the nationally ranked University of Connecticut's School of Business and the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CCEI), the mission of the UConn Family Business Program is to enhance the success of businesses, families and individuals by providing exceptional resources and opportunities for collaboration. Our goal is to help family firms develop strategies and policies that will serve to perpetuate family ownership and help them make significant advances in functions related to strategy, increased complexity, organizational structure, management practices and succession planning.

The 2007 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Awards Celebration will be held at the University of Connecticut's Lewis B. Rome Ballroom on the Storrs campus with a reception beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner following. Tickets are \$100 per person and tables of 10 are available for \$900 (UConn Family Business Program Members may send two attendees at no charge). To attend or request information, contact Priscilla Cale at (860) 486-5628 or [pcale@business.uconn.edu](mailto:pcale@business.uconn.edu). Please register by Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.