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Registration Now Open for Progress Lakeshore's 13th Annual Excellence in Economic Development Awards Breakfast

MANITOWOC, WI., March 18, 2024 – Progress Lakeshore will be holding its 13th Annual Excellence in Economic Development Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, May 7^h from 7am – 9am. It will be held at The Venue at Union Square, located in Manitowoc.

Join us for a morning of breakfast and community celebration as we honor the businesses and individuals who contribute to fostering a positive business environment in Manitowoc County. This year's event sponsors include: Bank First and R&R Insurance (Title Sponsors), Nicolet National Bank and Lakeshore Technical College (Platinum Sponsors), Parker Hannifin, Prevea Health, and Fox Communities Credit Union (Gold Sponsor), Allstates Rigging (Raffle Sponsor) and Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry and Skana Aluminum Company (Silver Sponsors). We are deeply grateful for the contributions of these businesses, as well as our five awards sponsors, in their dedication to enhancing the community and making Manitowoc County a wonderful place to live, work, and thrive.

Awards that are being presented are (sponsored by): Entrepreneurial Achievement Award (UnitedOne Credit Union), Neighborhood Development Award (Froedtert Holy Family Memorial), Corporate Investment Award (CLA), Economic Accelerator of the Year Award, and Community Enhancement Award (Jagemann Stamping).

Last year's award winners featured many exceptional companies in Manitowoc County. **The Entrepreneurial Achievement Award**, which recognizes an individual or small business that has developed ideas, products, and/or services into a viable, competitive business, while positively impacting the community went to Summit Clinical Services. **The Neighborhood Development Award**, which recognizes innovation in real estate development or reuse, while enhancing the community and positively impacting local economy, went to Allie Family Companies. **The Corporate Investment Award**, which recognizes a business that has made a large capital investment, enhanced their workforce, and developed innovation to improve the marketplace, went to AMMO, Inc.. **The Community Enhancement Award**, which recognizes a business that has made a positive impact on the quality of life in Manitowoc County with its projects and initiatives, went to Lakeshore Foster Families. **The Economic Accelerator of the Year Award**, which recognizes an individual or business that plays a key leadership role in economic development, went to Nicolet National Bank.

Registration is required for this event and will close when all seats are full or on Monday, April 22. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.progresslakeshore.org/breakfast/>

Join us in recognizing several award deserving businesses in Manitowoc County!

About Progress Lakeshore

Progress Lakeshore is a private-public economic development organization that accelerates business success in Manitowoc County. Progress Lakeshore was founded in 2004 as the Economic Development Corporation of Manitowoc County, bringing together government and business entities to grow and diversify the local economy in response to the closure of Mirro Aluminum Company. They focus on three pillars to influence the local economy: RETAIN businesses and associated workforce, GROW existing and start-up businesses, and the local talent pool, and ATTRACT new businesses and talent to the area.

Learn more about Progress Lakeshore at www.progresslakeshore.org or call 920-482-0540