

## One Southern Indiana Opens Nominations for Annual “One” Awards

**NEW ALBANY, IND.** (December 21, 2015) – One Southern Indiana (1si), the chamber of commerce and economic development organization for Clark and Floyd counties, announced today that nominations for the 2016 ONE Awards were now being taken. The “ONE” Award is a reinvention of the Southern Indiana Business Awards and recognizes the finest 1si member-owned businesses in one of four categories. Nominees who submit an application will be judged by an independent panel. Winners will be announced at the event on Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Huber’s Orchard, Winery and Vineyard’s Plantation Hall in Borden, Ind.

Finalists for these awards will be selected based on a variety of criteria including business history, community involvement, response to adversity, newly-created opportunities and innovation in products or services. Nominations for the following categories are now being taken:

- The Rising Star Award is given to a company who has been in business from 1-5 years. Companies must be located or headquartered in the Louisville Metro area.
- Business of the Year Award for companies with 50 or less employees is given to a company that demonstrates business growth and community involvement. Companies must be located or headquartered in the Louisville Metro area.
- Business of the Year Award for companies with 51 or more employees is given to a company that demonstrates business growth and community involvement. Companies must be located or headquartered in the Louisville Metro area.
- Growing Healthy Lives Award recognizes and highlights employers that have gone above and beyond expectations in the areas of employee health and wellness. Attributes of an ideal nominee could include businesses that have health programs, incentives and environments that have shown positive results in improving employee health outcomes.

“Since we have separated the business awards from the individuals awards, which are now given away in November as an ACE Award, we have been able to really focus on finding those businesses that made monumental improvements or have had exceptional achievements,” said Wendy Dant Chesser, president and CEO of 1si. “We anticipate over 100 nominations in the four categories.”

If you are interested in nominating a business for a “ONE” Award, you may do so online at [www.1si.org](http://www.1si.org). Self-nominations are also accepted. For more information on attending or sponsoring this event, please call Josh Suiter at 812-206-9024 or email him at [Josh@1si.org](mailto:Josh@1si.org).

### **About One Southern Indiana:**

*One Southern Indiana (1si) was formed in July of 2006 from the Economic Development organization serving Clark and Floyd counties and the Chamber of Commerce. 1si’s mission is to provide the connections, resources and services that help businesses innovate and thrive in the Southern Indiana / Louisville metro area.*

*Since its inception, the organization has evolved to include a three prong approach to serve its members and investors. Business Resources, as the chamber side of the organization, encompasses membership, signature events and programs which support and encourage business growth; Economic Development works to grow the regional economy through the attraction of new commerce and assists with retention and expansion of existing businesses; Advocacy supports businesses at the government level by*

*engaging in the initiatives to preserve, protect and promote a business friendly environment free of obstacles to growth and development of commerce. More information on One Southern Indiana is available at: [www.1si.org](http://www.1si.org)*

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