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THE WEST CHAMBER HONORS WHEAT RIDGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Exempla Lutheran recognized as Business of the Year, Councilmember Karen Adams a finalist for Elected Official of the Year, and Enterprise Wheat Ridge a finalist for Non-profit of the Year

WHEAT RIDGE, CO – The West Chamber held its annual Chairman’s Inaugural Celebration lunch on January 28, 2011 at The Arvada Center. Over 300 people from the Jefferson County business community gathered to recognize outstanding Chamber members for their exceptional performances in 2010. Awards were given to the Business of the Year (over 50 employees), Small Business of the Year (under 50 employees), Young Professional of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, Elected Official of the Year, and Ambassador of the Year.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio stated, “I am excited to see recognition of the Wheat Ridge community. These recognitions demonstrate the great work taking place in our community and the commitment by individuals to make our City and county the community of choice!” Mayor DiTullio was also honored by the West Chamber by being recognized as one of the top 100 of Jefferson County in the West Chamber 2011 Best of Business Magazine. The magazine will be distributed next week.

Exempla Lutheran Medical Center received the Business of the Year (over 50 employees) award and was recognized for over 50 years of commitment to the West Chamber organization. Over the years Exempla has supported the West Chamber through board involvement, support of the Chamber’s youth and adult leadership program and partnership-building with chamber businesses to advance and improve the community’s health

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West Chamber Honors local business and official

Carol Salzmann, Vice President and Executive Director of the Lutheran Medical Center Foundation and Community Development, stated, "I am honored to accept this award on behalf of Lutheran's team of 2,500 employees, 850 physicians and 650 volunteers, all of whom are dedicated to serving our community, improving health and providing healing services."

Councilmember Karen Adams, District III, was chosen as a finalist for the Elected Official of the Year. Karen's efforts to promote business development and to work with the West Chamber in Jefferson County make her an asset to the City and the County. Councilmember Adams added, "This is a wonderful opportunity to draw attention to the businesses in the Wheat Ridge area. It is the duty of local governments to support business development in their communities, and the West Chamber is a valuable partner in that effort."

Enterprise Wheat Ridge (EWR) was selected as a finalist for the Non-profit Business of the Year award and was recognized for their contributions to the community. Don Seyfer, Vice President Enterprise Wheat Ridge, noted, "Enterprise Wheat Ridge is delighted to be honored as one of three finalists chosen for the Non Profit Organization of the Year by the West Chamber. The efforts of the whole group are responsible for a dynamic and remarkable growth during a challenging business year. The leadership is all volunteer and completely dedicated to helping the business community of Wheat Ridge succeed and excel."

For more information on these awards see the West Chamber website at www.westchamber.org.

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