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**Samaritan Counseling Center Announces 2009 New Mexico Ethics in Business Awards Nominees.**

The Samaritan Counseling Center's 2009 New Mexico Ethics in Business Awards Nomination Committee, led by Michael Gaylor, has announced the nominees for next year's awards. The committee took in 50 nominations for the annual recognition of businesses, not-for-profit organizations and individuals whose present or past work in New Mexico demonstrates the highest ethical conduct and social responsibility.

An independent Screening Committee, made up of community volunteers, reviewed the nominations and narrowed the nominee pool to 30.

Business Nominees are: Aprendamos Intervention Team, PA (Las Cruces); Arizona Tile; Articles for Her; BRYCON Construction (Rio Rancho); Citadel Broadcasting Company; Cooney Watson and Associates; Coronado Paint and Decorating Center (Santa Fe); FIG Publications DBA Las Cruces Bulletin (Las Cruces); Flying Star Café & Satellite Coffee; Jiffy Lube Lubricar; Northwestern Mutual Financial Network-Miller Financial Group; Peacock Myers, PC; Recapturing Vehicles; Redford Associates (Silver City); Stewart Title of Albuquerque, LLC; TLC Plumbing & Utility and Yearout Mechanical, Inc.

Not-for-Profit Organizations are: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central NM; Children's Grief Center of NM; Enlace Comunitario; Junior Achievement of NM, Inc.; Keshet Dance Company; Ronald McDonald House Charities of NM and The Storehouse.

Individual Nominations are: Ron Beauchamp; Norm Becker; Doug Chandler; Edward Lujan; Jeanne Sharp (Santa Fe) and Cheryl Willman, MD.

Students from the UNM Anderson Schools of Management, under the direction of Professor Sarah Smith are in the process of interviewing nominees to make recommendations to the Selection Committee led by David Seely. The 2009 event, chaired by Chet Stewart of French Mortuary, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town. This is the 10th anniversary of the NM Ethics in Business Awards program.

The Samaritan Counseling Center's New Mexico Ethics in Business Awards program began in 1999. By recognizing New Mexico companies, organizations and individuals who give leadership in ethical business practice, the Center continues to support a more ethical community while also raising funds for the Center's Good Samaritan Fund and UNM Anderson Schools of Management. More information about the event can be found at [EthicsInBusinessNM.com](http://EthicsInBusinessNM.com).

The Samaritan Counseling Center is a not-for-profit organization which helps people in central New Mexico find wholeness and healing through professional psychological counseling and education which integrate medical and spiritual resources. The Center is staffed by 23 therapists including Clinical Director, Sarah Brennan, PhD. The Center operates seven programs out of four office locations in the Albuquerque area. Programs include the Samaritan Center for Changing Families which provides an integrated spectrum of mental health and educational resources to help families maintain strong and cooperative parenting. The Guhl Center for Children and Adolescents is a specialized program to serve the distinctive mental health needs of young people and their families. The St. Joseph Center for Children & Families focuses on services for families in the SE Heights. Workplace Services helps businesses and not-for-profit organizations maintain a healthy and more productive workforce and workplace. The Healthy Marriages program provides educational services to help build couple relationships by teaching relationship skills, effective social support systems and positive core values. Called Back to the Well, through retreats and prayer and support groups, provides spiritual nourishment to those in ministry.