



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CHAMBER ANNOUNCES CHAMBERCHOICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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FARGO/MOORHEAD, ND/MN (March 13, 2008) - The Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead announced the names of nine award finalists at their annual ChamberChoice Reception on Thursday, March 13. The nine firms represent the top-ranked organizations in the Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year and Not-for-Profit of the Year categories. The event was sponsored and hosted by Wells Fargo Bank.

All nine firms will receive 2008 ChamberChoice Awards. The ChamberChoice Awards program honors the vigorous entrepreneurial spirit and important contributions made by businesses in the Fargo Moorhead metropolitan area. Following, listed in alphabetical order by category, are the names of the 2008 ChamberChoice Award recipients:

#### **Business of the Year**

Flint Communications, Inc.  
General Equipment & Supplies, Inc.  
InterceptEFT

#### **Small Business of the Year**

Harmon Glass Doctor  
InterOffice  
Milestones Photography

#### **Not-for-Profit of the Year**

Oak Grove Lutheran School  
Trollwood Performing Arts School  
YWCA Cass Clay

The ChamberChoice Award recipients were chosen from among more than 60 firms nominated for the annual awards. Selections were made by a panel of independent judges from the Fargo Moorhead business community.

The award recipients are finalists in the competition to be named the number-one, top-ranked business within that category. These names will be announced at the Chamber's Annual Awards Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, May 21, at the Holiday Inn of Fargo.

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## 2008 ChamberChoice Award Recipients Business of the Year Category

**Flint Communications, Inc.**, founded in downtown Fargo in 1946, offers strategic communications planning, brand development and management, creative development, audio/visual services, Web and interactive planning and development, public relations, media planning and buying, direct marketing services and research services. Its core values of character, passion, energy, live and growth are the foundation for everything Flint does. [www.flintcom.com](http://www.flintcom.com)

**General Equipment & Supplies, Inc.**, is a heavy construction equipment dealer serving all of North Dakota and Western Minnesota and representing several major construction equipment manufacturers including Komatsu America, Superior Industries, Cedarapids, Trail King and JCB. President Donald Shilling believes professional commitment to the construction equipment industry and flexibility to change as a dealership is the reason for General Equipment & Supplies' continued growth and success. [www.genequip.com](http://www.genequip.com)

**InterceptEFT** is a privately held, third party processor of electronic transactions delivering quality products and services to more than 36,000 corporate clients across the United States. Employing a staff with decades of banking and transaction experience, InterceptEFT quickly solves issues, mitigates risk and keeps up with the ever-changing rules and regulations associated with the banking industry for clients in each of the 50 states. [www.intercepteft.com](http://www.intercepteft.com)

### Small Business of the Year Category

**Harmon Glass Doctor** is an award-winning local franchisee of Glass Doctor®, one of the largest and fastest growing glass repair and replacement companies in the world. Owner and manager Marv Degerness has locations in Fargo, Moorhead and Grand Forks. Degerness credits Harmon's success to his strong belief that good people, when treated with respect and given a chance, will come together as a unit and become much more than any individual could do on his or her own. [www.glassdoctor.com](http://www.glassdoctor.com)

Since 2002, **InterOffice** has been a full-line Herman Miller authorized furniture dealer servicing clients in corporate businesses and home offices. The InterOffice showroom in downtown Fargo is more than 4,000 square feet and offers a customer experience similar to showrooms found in Chicago and New York City. The team of InterOffice takes pride in their mission to "Design Great Space for Your Workplace." [www.interofficefargo.com](http://www.interofficefargo.com)

**Milestones Photography**, based in West Fargo, is comprised of a team of high-end photographers striving to capture the spirit and emotion of their subjects, whether photographing the celebration of a lifetime or the events of an ordinary day. The two main photographers, Dave Arntson and Britta Trygstad, are members of the Wedding Photojournalists Association and have collectively been honored with 15 Top 10 awards for their work. [www.photomilestones.com](http://www.photomilestones.com)

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## 2008 ChamberChoice Award Recipients Not-for-Profit of the Year Category

**Oak Grove Lutheran School** is a private school in Fargo, serving area youth in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Oak Grove provides a vibrant and thriving academic experience for students, where Christian values are added to the classroom. Small class sizes, chapel services, service opportunities and numerous co-curricular activities allow for students to grow in faith and body, while striving to reach their full academic potential. Oak Grove has a fully-accredited, college preparatory academic program that has maintained NCA-CASI accreditation with high standards for excellence since 1926. [www.oakgrovelutheran.com](http://www.oakgrovelutheran.com)

Since its creation in 1978, **Trollwood Performing Arts School** has endeavored to be the region's leading force in youth arts through educational programs, promotion and celebration of cultural diversity and high quality stage productions. Currently under construction, Trollwood's new home in Moorhead will connect the arts, education and the environment in an unprecedented way, featuring an outdoor amphitheater, instructional and recreational facilities, hiking and biking trails, and spaces for the community to gather, create and recreate all year long. [www.trollwood.org](http://www.trollwood.org)

For more than 100 years, **YWCA Cass Clay** has provided women and children in the Fargo Moorhead community with educational and leadership opportunities, support and encouragement, as well as safe and affordable housing. YWCA programs include an emergency shelter, children's services, education and employment, transitional housing, childcare center, TechGYRLs and community dialogues on racial justice. [www.ywcacassclay.org](http://www.ywcacassclay.org)

### **About the Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead**

The Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead is a bi-state, regional federation of 1,900 members. The Chamber serves as the primary advocate for member firms on local and regional issues, hosting events and forums to provide business leaders a greater understanding of specific issues affecting the Fargo Moorhead region.

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