

PRESS RELEASE

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The Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce brought together our community's Champions at the 34th Annual Business Champion of the Year Awards Ceremony

On Friday, September 16, 2022, the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted the 34th Annual Business Champion of the Year Awards Ceremony at the Space Coast Association of Realtors. This special awards ceremony was enjoyed by over 150 attendees. With the support of numerous sponsors, Chamber partners, amazing vendors, and community leaders, this event was extremely successful and the best years to date according to many attendees.

Amy Krupp, the 2022 Chairwoman of CBRCC, thoughtfully led the evening, while Robyn Hattaway, Commissioner of Canaveral Port Authority, was the keynote speaker. Commissioner Hattaway gave a compelling speech that inspired the audience. Other important speakers to note were Cordelle Rolle, Chair-Elect of CBRCC, Scott Billue with Matthew's Hope Ministries, and Johnny Wiedmann with Wiedmann Construction and Roofing.

The Business Champion of the Year Awards Ceremony is the biggest opportunity of the year for Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce partners to honor fellow businesses and recognize those businesses that are dedicated to improving the community. This event was created to bring the Chamber's partners together for an evening of celebration and recognition. Throughout the year, businesses are nominated for Business Champion of the Month, and any business who received a nomination are automatically entered into the running for the Business Champion for the Year Award. Each nominee submits an explanation of the importance that this award has for them, and through a thoughtful and intense selection process, winners are chosen in several categories.

This year, the Business Champion of the Year Awards fell into 5 categories, and the winners for each category were:

Large Business: **Launch Credit Union**

Medium Business: **Carib Brewery USA**

Small Business: A tie between **Financial Cornerstone Group** and **Wiedmann Construction & Roofing**

Start-up Business: **Launch Network Digital Media Services, LLC**

Non-Profit Business: **Brevard Humane Society**



The Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce would also like to highlight the importance of sponsor support and recognize those who made this event possible. The sponsors were Cedar Creek Life Center, Florida Power and Light, Sea Ray Boats on Merritt Island, Wiedmann Construction & Roofing, Adam Copenhaver of Ask An Adjuster, Endless Media, LLC, Launch Credit Union, PIP Printing & Signs, The Viera Company, Beachside Hotel & Suites, Financial Cornerstone Group, Intercoastal Insurance, Pro's Choice Roofing, Artemis IT, Cool Rays Air Conditioning & Heating, Waste Management, Jeff Smith of Edward Jones, Matthew's Hope, Sea & Ski, Victory Casino, Wild Ocean Market, It's 5:30 PM Somewhere! Leads Group, Top Gun Painter's, Coach Jaya for Health and CARIB Brewery.

The winners of the Business Champion of the Year award also received a generous media package valued at over \$4,000 which was donated by 98.5 the Beach, Brevard Business News, Clear Channel Outdoor, Florida Today, Hometown News, Savings Safari, Space Coast Daily, and Viera Voice. Three billboards can be seen along US-1, I-95, and Pineda Causeway displaying these Business Champions for the next few weeks.