

**10th Annual**



***DRIPPING SPRINGS AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SUITS & BOOTS COMMUNITY AWARDS  
CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012***

**DO YOU KNOW A DESERVING INDIVIDUAL, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION IN DRIPPING SPRINGS WHO HAS MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY?**

**The Dripping Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its business and community awards, which will be handed out at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Suits & Boots Banquet.**

**Nomination Deadline: January 20, 2012. Awards Dinner & Dance: February 4, 2012**

## **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

- Nominee must be an active business located or operating in the Dripping Springs area.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing with the Dripping Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Nominee must have been in business for at least 3 years.
- Nominee must have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics:
  - Creation of new jobs
  - Revenue growth
  - Innovative products or services
  - Provides exemplary customer service
  - Demonstrates economic support and service to the Dripping Springs area business community
  - Volunteers in the Dripping Springs Community

## **NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

- Nominee must be an active business located or operating in the Dripping Springs area.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing with the Dripping Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Nominee must have been in business for 1 year or less.
- Nominee must have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics:
  - Creation of new jobs
  - Revenue growth
  - Innovative products or services
  - Provides exemplary customer service
  - Demonstrates economic support of the Dripping Springs business community
  - Volunteers in the Dripping Springs Community

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Nominee must have been a resident no less than five years in the Dripping Springs area.
- Made significant contributions to the well-being of the community and its citizens over the years, through community service in the field of the arts, local government, the environment, or education.
- While service to the Dripping Springs community is paramount, significant contributions elsewhere in Hays County or surrounding area will be given consideration.
- If two individuals have worked together on a number of community service activities and both have outstanding records of community service, they may be nominated as a team for a joint award.

## THE ED SIMS MEMORIAL/HOMETOWN HERO AWARD

Exemplifies the humanitarian values of an outstanding Community or professional leader; can work across organizational boundaries; is committed to the value of diversity, encourages initiative, innovation, collaboration, resourcefulness and resilience

- Offers his/her life to save another person.
- Shows extraordinary courage in a given situation.
- Is completely unselfish in their actions in working with others.
- Is an inspiration for others to follow as he/she has the ability to influence others to accomplish the objective by providing purpose, direction and motivation.

## NON-PROFIT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

### **Criteria which must be met to be considered:**

- The Non-Profit must have a physical presence within the Dripping Springs area.
- The Non-Profit must be 501(c) (3) organization.
- The Non-Profit organization must have been in operation for at least five years.
- The nominated Non-Profit must be a member in good standing of the Dripping Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

### **Attributes to be judged:**

It is not necessary for a non-profit organization to have all the following attributes to be considered.

- Successful contribution to the overall community.
- Growth in helping the community (i.e. physically, financially, diversity or numbers of people served, etc.)
- Employee relations activities (i.e. recognition programs, morale activities, benefits, etc.)
- Offers Volunteer opportunities to the public.
- Follows the mission of the organization.
- Youth and/or school involvement.
- Mentoring activities; apprenticeships; shadowing program(s).
- Financial contributions to the community, i.e. sponsorships, scholarships, direct or indirect financial support, etc.

*\*\*The Chamber reserves the right to request two letters of reference from a third party. The nominee may furnish one of these letters if they did not submit the original nomination form.*



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Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Suits & Boots Community Awards Celebration  
Saturday, February 4, 2012

## NOMINATION FORM

- Nominate one nominee for each category of your choosing.
- Give as much detail as possible. Your recommendations are vitally important.
- We must have complete contact information at the bottom of this form or your nominations will not be included on the ballot. **Return to the Chamber (bring in, e-mail, fax or mail) by Friday, January 20, 2012.**

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### CATEGORIES

**Business of the Year** - A Chamber business that has not only succeeded, but continues to support and serve the Dripping Springs community. **(Explain)**

**New Business of the Year** (Jan.-Dec) - if unsure, email our office at [dschamber@drippingspringstx.org](mailto:dschamber@drippingspringstx.org). A NEW Chamber business that has given time and/or service to the Dripping Springs community. **(Explain)**

**Citizen of the Year** - Person who has had a significant positive impact in Dripping Springs. **(Explain)**

**Ed Sims Memorial Award/Hometown Hero** - Individual or organization who has contributed time, energy, and heart to the community, sometimes unnoticed. **(Explain)**

**Non-profit of the Year** - An organization that has been a strong advocate for its mission within the Dripping Springs community. **(Explain)**

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### Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to PO Box 206, Dripping Springs, TX 78620 or bring to 600 E. Hwy 290 or FAX to (512) 858-4144.  
For further questions, please contact Sherrie at (512)858-4740 or [sherrie@drippingspringstx.org](mailto:sherrie@drippingspringstx.org).