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WHO'S WHO OF BREA GATHER TO CELEBRATE COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE

Chamber also commemorate 100 years of serving the Brea business community at annual Gala

Brea, Ca. – Industry leaders, elected officials and area residents joined the Brea Chamber of Commerce on Friday, January 25 to pay tribute to the community's high achievers. Orange County Supervisor Shawn Nelson served as master of ceremonies for the annual Membership & Awards Gala. The awards recognize local companies and individuals for a variety of achievements, including community involvement, creating jobs and advocating for a strong local economy.

In presenting the annual report to members, Chamber CEO Sharon Wagner outlined the organization's accomplishments in 2012. She also stressed the importance of a united business community in empowering each individual business success. "We connect companies to the people, tools and information they need in order to reach their full potential," she said. "Many of our long-time members credit their Chamber membership as the key factor in their success."

The Business of the Year: Manufacturing award was presented to UTC Aerospace Systems, a company that recently relocated to Brea and brought with it a significant number of living wage jobs. BF Goodrich founded the nation's first rubber factory in 1870, entered the aerospace industry in 1909, and merged with Hamilton Sundstrand to form UTC Aerospace Systems in 2012. Once one of the world's largest and most respected manufacturers of rubber products, they are now a global leader in the aerospace, defense and homeland security markets. The Brea facility produces systems and components that power aircraft, control aircraft engines, and monitor aircraft systems and the external environment. They proactively enhance their local communities through financial and volunteer support, believing their vitality as a business is linked with the quality of life in the communities where they operate.

Mother's Market & Kitchen opened in Brea at the tail end of the Great Recession, bringing valuable jobs to our community at a very critical time. While most retailers were focusing solely on keeping their doors open, this business focused on becoming the very definition of good neighbor. Recognized as the Business of the Year: Retail, Mother's Market features products for specialized diets and organic



produce. Actively seeking opportunities to enrich their communities, Mother's Market has already made an impact in Brea. From the grand opening of the Brea store in September 2011 to today, Mother's Market has supported many community events and organizations.

Coldwell Banker Excellence, the Business of the Year: Service award winner, embraces the motto "success, one family at a time." This attitude creates long-term relationships that result in word-of-mouth references and repeat business, the cornerstone of any successful endeavor. Alex Horowitz has been a full-time real estate agent since 1988. Over the course of his career, Alex has sold over \$750 million dollars of real estate putting him in the top 1% of North Orange County realtors. He believes in giving back to the community, and sponsors many groups and events. He joined the Chamber in 1988 and has been a strong supporter ever since. From supporting the Taste of Brea to underwriting the Business & Community Guide, Alex is the type of member that partners with the Brea Chamber in strengthening the local economy each and every year.

Chevron Corporation, recipient of the prestigious Innovation Award, is a company that epitomizes original thinking and business leadership. Chevron's success in virtually every facet of the energy industry is driven by their commitment to get results the right way—by operating responsibly, executing with excellence, applying innovative technologies and capturing new opportunities for profitable growth. As a company and as individuals, Chevron also takes great pride in contributing to the communities where we live and work, particularly in the areas of health, education and economic development. The City of Brea was founded on oil, and Chevron has been a committed partner of this community since its very beginning. With the residential construction and commercial element of their La Floresta project, Chevron is reinvigorating the east side of the city. They are valued partners of the Brea Chamber in all areas of our program of work, and have donated untold thousands of dollars to just about every charitable cause in town.

The Citizen of the Year award was presented to Don Schweitzer, an individual who has made significant contributions to the quality of life in this community. He donated the architectural design for the Boys & Girls Club's beautiful new facility. His great passion for history and love of this community resulted in the creation of the Brea Museum. He was also one of the driving forces behind the creation of Brea's new War Memorial. Following in his father and grandfather's footsteps, Don served on the Brea City Council for the past eight years.



The Rudy Rodriguez of The Direct Mail Network was recognized as 2012 Ambassador of the Year and the Chairman's Award of Excellence was presented to Deana Single of Veterinary Pet Insurance Company.

2013 Chairman of the Board Michael Becher, of Miller Giangrande LLP, shared his vision for the year. "I hope to do a lot of storytelling," he explained as a trailer for "Celebrating 100 Years of Business in Brea" was shown. The video chronicles Brea's business community from its oil field beginnings to today's clean tech and service industries.

The gala was the first of many events planned by the Chamber to celebrate their centennial this year.

With more than a century of leadership, the Brea Chamber of Commerce empowers each business in our community to reach its full potential, cultivates an environment where businesses can thrive and connects our businesses as a community. For more information, please call the Chamber office at (714) 529-3660 or visit www.BreaChamber.com.

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