Each year, the Corona Chamber of Commerce recognizes individuals for their outstanding achievements and service. The awards will be presented at the Chamber’s Annual Installation and Awards Ceremony on February 24, 2022. Nominations are accepted from Chamber members, as well as the community at large. The awardees are selected based on their service to the community and noteworthy achievements.

**The Citizen of the Year** recognizes at least 10 years of contributions to the community, while **The Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes 25+ years of contributions and servitude to the community.

**The Community Service Award** will acknowledge a non-profit organization for their continual community efforts.

**The Award of Excellence** recognizes businesses in the greater Corona region that demonstrate business excellence and contribute to the health of the business community. Special write-in categories are accepted.

**The Rising Star Award** will celebrate a business owner who has operated (traditionally) for less than 5 years and is on top of ‘their game’.

2014 - Kathleen Ray, UR Agenda Social Marketing

2015 - Katie Moore, ABC Hopes

2016 - Adam Owens, SLAC, Inc.

2017 - Dr. Cassandra Sanders-Holly, Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy

2018 - Chris Hernandez, AppCore Labs

2019 - Crystal Lopez, Carter Bradley Insurance Solutions

2020 - Anne St.Germain, Level Advisors

**Making a Difference** is awarded to an individual who has provided their talents to serving on numerous organizations, boards, etc. for the betterment of our community.

2015 - Cari Smith

2016 - Susie Rawson

2017 - Donnette Wheat

2018 - David Brambila

2019 - Kevin Button

2020 - Mary Barnett

***Nominations must be received by September 15, 2021***

**ALL NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL**

**AWARD WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO PRESENTATION**

Nominee Name:

Organization (if applicable): Phone:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Which award are you nominating the above individual/organization for?

(Mark all that apply)

□ **Citizen of the Year**

□ **Lifetime Achievement**

□ **Community Service (Organization)**

□ **Award of Excellence (Business)**

□ **Rising Star**

□ **Making a Difference**

□ **Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please explain why your nominee should be considered for the award. *Use additional paper if necessary.*

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Please let us know how best to reach you:

Name: Phone:

Email: Fax:

Business name:

**Deadline for Nominating: September 15, 2021**

Submit to: Corona Chamber of Commerce

Attn: Stephanie Shapiro

904 E. 6th Street

Corona, CA 92879

[Stephanie@MyChamber.org](mailto:Stephanie@MyChamber.org)

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**Business of the Year Awards Background**

Business awards created in 2011

First award presented at Annual Installation and Awards Gala (2012)

**Purpose:**

To recognize businesses in the greater Corona region that demonstrate business excellence and contribute to the health of the business community, and to provide a forum for showcasing that business

**Criteria:**

* Voting / Active (status) member of the Corona Chamber of Commerce
* Exhibits creativity and innovation in building a successful business
* Demonstrates high business ethics
* Takes a leadership role in activities that benefit the business community
* Provides training and career growth for employees
* Provides quality services or products
* Supports the major goals and objectives of the Corona Chamber of Commerce
* Growth in profits, sales and/or jobs
* Participates in activities that benefit the community in general

# Nomination Process

Nomination may be made by nominee, employee or others. Nominations containing the following must be submitted [Limited to 2 total pages]:

* A brief, historical overview of the business and its mission
* Brief, relevant summary of accomplishments in business arena
* Major statistics demonstrating measurable growth/development in sales, profits, and/or job summary of company's participation in area business development programs and/or projects, Chamber events/programs and community activities
* Description of activities, programs and/or projects demonstrating innovation, creativity and business excellence

**Selection Procedures**

* Selection committee to consist of members of the Executive Committee for the Corona Chamber of Commerce
* Selection committee will review nominations submitted by deadline
* Those nominees that meet minimum criteria will then be judged through a point system for the specified criteria (listed above)
* Selection committee will select one business in each of the following sections:
  + Retail
  + Service
  + Manufacturing / Distribution
  + Other categories as a write in accepted
* The nominations will be forwarded to the Board of Directors annually prior to the December Board meeting for approval

**Recognition:**

* Plaque presented at the Annual Installation and Awards Gala
* Publicity via press releases to major news outlets
* Recognition on Chamber website
* Recognition in Chamber publication
* Recognition in invitations specific to the Annual Installation and Awards Gala

**Prior Years:**

* 2011 - Service: Eagle Glen Golf Club; Retail: Miguel’s Restaurants & Miguel’s Jr.; Manufacturing/Distribution: Lucas Oil Products; Non-profit: SACK Foundation
* 2012 - Service: Premier Service Bank; Retail: Sam’s Club; Manufacturing/Distribution: Vulcan Materials Company; Non-profit: Blue Star Mothers H.O.M.E.
* 2013 - Service: Allstar Collision; Retail: Kohl’s Department Store; Manufacturing/Distribution: Peabody Engineering; Non-profit: Corona Rotary
* 2014 - Service: Lifetime Vinyl Fence; Retail: Luna Modern Mexican Restaurant; Manufacturing/Distribution: Midpoint Bearing; Non-profit: Soroptimist International of Corona
* 2015 - Service: Waste Management; Retail: TAPS Fish House & Brewery; Manufacturing/Distribution: Thoro Packaging; Non-profit: Corona-Norco Family YMCA
* 2016 - Service: Creative by Design; Retail: Silver Dollar Pancake House; Manufacturing: 3M; Entertainment: Pole Position; Non-profit: Corona Life Services
* 2017 - Service: DFI – DiGerolamo Family Insurance; Retail: LuLaRoe; Manufacturing/Distribution: Monster Beverage Corp; Health & Wellness: Corona Regional Medical Center; Community Non-profit: Crossroads Christian Church
* 2018 - Service: Hamner Towing; Retail: NCH Galleries; Manfacturing/Distribution: WestRock; Health & Wellness: Citrus Valley Medical Associates; Special Recognition: NAVSEA; Non-profit: American Cancer Society
* 2019 - Service: Bear Brake & Alignment; Retail: Eduardo’s Mexican Restaurant; Manufacturing: Do It American MFG; Distribution: Robertson’s Ready Mix; Wholesale: American Electric Supply; Health: Riverside Medical Clinic; Non-profit/Community Service: Friends of the Corona Public Library
* 2020 - Service: NIR Plumbing; Retail: IHOP; Manufacturing: aFe Power; Construction: Elci Cabinets & Floors; Healthcare: Dr. Aimee French; New Business: Tacos Al Fuego; Non-profit/Community Service: Herencia Mariachi Academy

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