

CofC Names Award Winners

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The founder of a local chain of vegetarian restaurants and the operator of a bed and breakfast headline this year's winners of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce's annual Duke City Dozen awards.

The awards recognize innovative companies in the community. All winners will be celebrated during a Sept. 22 banquet at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Albuquerque.

"These 12 companies embody innovation, dedication and creativity," said Norm Becker, president and CEO of New Mexico Mutual and vice chairman of the chamber's Small Business and Enterprise Planning Council. "We can all learn from their example."

The 2010-2011 Duke City Dozen winners include: Yashoda Naidoo of Annapurna restaurants, Maxie Anderson Small Business Person of the Year award; and Chocolate Turtle Bed and Breakfast, Entrepreneurial Home Based Business.

Ten Innovate Albuquerque award winners were: Adelante Development Center; Hallmark the Cable Place; FootPrints Home Care Inc.; Get a Grip Inc. Resurfacing; Hip Stitch; ABQ Trolley Co.; Artistic Upholstery; Stolar Research Co.; Asthma Allies; and Clean Switch.

The banquet is free for chamber members and \$25 for the general public. To register for this event or for further information, contact Marissa Corley at 505-764-3731 or mcorley@abqchamber.com.

Sponsors of the event are New Mexico Mutual, First Community Bank, ACCION New Mexico-Colorado-Arizona, and the Doubletree Hotel.