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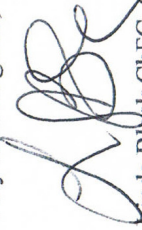
Committee Members,

I was very excited to learn of the nomination of Carried Away Gifts for a small business award. Carried Away Gifts has been a vital part of my marketing plan for almost a decade. With imagination, insight and an appreciation for the importance of detail, Patrice DeHaven's creatively designed baskets have helped my company grow through referrals and introductions.

Perhaps more importantly, however, Patrice is one of the most positive and generous people I know. She is an encouraging presence for many budding companies and a huge advocate of the benefits of Chamber membership. Although there is no sure way to quantify it, I can only imagine the number of Chamber of Commerce members that have directly and indirectly benefited from knowing Patrice. She is truly my networking hero, and it is such a pleasure to bump into her time and again at the Chamber events. At those times I am guaranteed several introductions and many kind words.

Patrice DeHaven of Carried Away gifts exactly personifies the type of business owner the Chamber of Commerce should actively seek out and recognize.

Very Best Regards,


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