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Business Venture Group

25th Anniversary

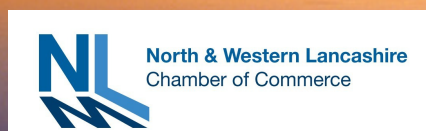
Small Business Awards

The Pines Hotel, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley

7th October 2010

"If you can dream it, you can do it"
Walt Disney

Awards kindly sponsored by:



St Catherine's Hospice – Celebrating 25 years of Hospice Care

On April 29th 1985, St Catherine's Hospice opened its doors and welcomed its first day care patients and just over two months later, the first in-patient was admitted. The Hospice continues to go from strength to strength thanks to fantastic support from local organisations and the community.

St Catherine's aims to provide the best specialist care possible for patients with incurable conditions in a positive, personal, and caring way. St Catherine's understands that everyone is unique; therefore, it is important to work with each patient, and those close to them, to meet their needs and ensure each individual is able to live as freely, actively and independently as possible. This is why so much care is now provided in people's own homes assisted by St Catherine's community services.

Through the years, there have been many exciting developments; the in-patient facilities can now accommodate 19 patients, mainly in single rooms with en-suite facilities. Rooms are family friendly so that, if a patient wishes, a relative can stay overnight. Working with carers and families is an important part of what St Catherine's is all about.

The Hospice also welcomes up to 20 day-therapy patients each day. The day-therapy unit offers clinic space, private consultation rooms and a superb art and activity suite overlooking the beautiful grounds.

A recent addition to the hospice's out-patient facilities is the Woodside Clinic. The clinics include Lymphoedema, Breathlessness, and Psychology.

Running St Catherine's Hospice is expensive – it costs in the region of £4.5 million a year to provide the renowned high quality service. At present about 30% of this comes from the NHS, which means that 70% comes from the individuals and organisations supporting the hospice.

Hospice funding is sustained in many different ways – lottery, the giving or buying of items at our charity shops, events, local fundraising activities, donations volunteering and much, much more. Without this vital support, St Catherine's Hospice would not be able to provide the level of care it does. Trustees, staff, volunteers and, most importantly, patients and their families, greatly appreciate this.



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Winners Award

- A cheque for £1,000
- Winners certificate containing Sponsors logo
- Photo and post event publicity

History of the Business Venture Group Ltd

In October 2010 the Business Venture Group Ltd will celebrate 25 years of supporting budding entrepreneurs within Central Lancashire and the wider Fylde Coast areas of Lancashire.

Formed in 1985 as a not for profit company, (limited by guarantee) with a Board of Directors drawn from the local business community.

The company's main objective is to promote an entrepreneurial culture by supporting the creation of sustainable self employment, and helping existing businesses to develop and grow.

Over the past 25 years we have provided help and advice to over 20,000 clients seeking to take that first step on the road to self employment, and have supported over 5,000 new businesses to get their ideas up and running.

Our services have expanded over the years, and we now work in partnership with BusinessLink Northwest, NWDA, Lancashire County Council and six local authorities.

We provide a range of services designed to support our clients from initial introductory seminars to one to one session, access to a range of Business Mentors and also a micro loan fund. In addition we provide start up accommodation for over 80 companies who between them employ over 300 staff all contributing to the local economy

As a local company the Business Venture Group is proud to be associated with and to have served the community within Central Lancashire over the last 25 years. We will continue to develop our services to meet the ever changing needs of our clients.

To recognise our 25th Anniversary we are holding a Business Competition linked to a Dinner, in partnership with St Catherine's Hospice on the 7th October at the Pines Hotel in Clayton-le-Woods. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the charity, which is also celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year.

Competition Entry Rules:

1. All businesses must have commenced trading after 1st January 2009
2. All businesses must be located in Central Lancashire
3. Entries can be submitted for one or both categories
4. The Panel of Judges decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into
5. The Judging Panel will consist of a representative from the Award Sponsoring organisation, a representative from the main sponsor and a representative from the Business Venture Group Ltd.
6. Nominees will be notified by 24th September, and must be available to attend the dinner on the 7th October at the Pines Hotel
7. All entrants must agree to post event publicity

The closing date for all entries is 12 noon on Friday 10th September 2010

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Company Contact Details: _____

Position: _____ Tel: No: _____

Company email: _____ Company website _____

Nature of Business: _____

Number of staff _____ Turnover 2009/2010 _____

I would like to enter the following category(s)

Small Business of the Year Award
(Sponsored by North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce)

Growth Business of the Year Award
(Sponsored by Ainscough Investments Ltd)

Note: Closing date for all entries is 12 noon Friday 10th September 2010. Please complete a separate form for each entry. Copies of the form can be downloaded from our website at www.bvg.org.uk or alternatively telephone us on 01772 422242.

BVG Business Awards Application

Q): Please summarise why you decided to start your own business, and your vision for measuring success? (max 200 words)

A):

Q): What kind of research did you undertake prior to starting your business? (max 200 words)

A):

Q): Please provide examples and evidence of how you have been instrumental in driving the business forward, e.g. financial success, staff motivation, customer care? (max 150 words)

A):

Q): Describe how your business sets itself apart from the competition? (max 150 words)

A):

Q): What innovative strategy have you implemented to achieve your growth rate over the past 12 months? (max 150 words)

A):

Q): Please summarise your goals and objectives for the next 3 years? (max 150 words)

A):

Please email your completed form to:

info@bvg.org.uk

Or post it to:

Centurion House, Leyland Business Park,
Centurion Way, Farington, Leyland PR25 3GR

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