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Chamber Businesses, YPN and Citizen of the Year

The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce will announce the recipients of the Small Business of the Year, Business of the Year, Young Professional of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards at the annual banquet on Friday, January 29th, 2016 at Two Rivers Convention Center. The awards ceremony portion of the banquet is scheduled to begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. **Due to recipients who do not know they are receiving awards; we ask that the following information be withheld and no contact be made until after the awards presentation with the Young Professional of the Year and Citizen of the Year Winners. The Business of the Year CEO and the Small Business of the Year owner are aware of their awards and can be contacted (contact names and phone numbers shown below). However, the rest of the Chamber membership and general public do not know of their honor and it will not be public until the dinner.**

- **Business of the Year Community Hospital.** Three doctors with a dream and a building that had once housed a café began Community Hospital in 1946. Since that time the facility has continued to grow and change on 12th Street. But in March of this year Community Hospital will be moving into a new \$50 million home housing 44 private rooms and a host of hospital services on G Road and 23 ½ Road. Last year in addition to providing over \$4 million of charity care, Community Hospital provided over \$350,000 of cash and in-kind support to local non-profit organizations including Strive, Riverside Educational Center, Museum of Western Colorado, Partners, Hilltop, Business Incubator Center, John McConnell Math and Science Center, American Red Cross, GJEP, Colorado Mesa University, Girls on the Run, March of Dimes, Grand Mesa Nordic Council, Colorado Riverfront Foundation

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- **Small Business of the Year Bud's Signs.** Two recently married teens moved to Grand Junction in 1980 and began a business that today encompasses close to 20,000 s.f., employs 22 people and serves clients across the Western United States. Over the course of those 36 years the company has helped many nonprofit organizations in the community. They long ago lost count of the endless numbers of banners, golf tournament signs, posters, vehicle wraps and of course, cash that has been donated to groups like Grand Mesa Little League, Partners, American Red Cross, Grand Junction Lions Club, Shriners, Mesa County Junior Football League, Rocky Mountain Elk, Base Camp 40 and the NRA. Owner Bud Preuss is in his seventh year on the Board of the Western Colorado Drag Racers Association and he spends countless hours all year long working with other board members and racers on the betterment of the club and the facility.

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- **Citizen of the Year Greg Kampf.** Described by Sister Karen Blanchard of Grand Valley Catholic Outreach as a servant leader and hidden pearl, Greg Kampf, an attorney with Hoskin, Farina and Kampf, has quietly been serving many groups and individuals throughout the Grand Valley for over 40 years. He has served as a board member and often president of many organizations including St. Mary's Hospital, the American Red Cross, CMU Foundation, Grand Junction Symphony, Mesa County Public Library Foundation and the Effective Parents Project. As a leader with Grand Valley Catholic Outreach his contribution to the organization has been significant...leading the way to the construction of a 24-unit apartment for the chronically homeless living with mental and physical disabilities. Many of those apartment residents consider Greg their personal attorney as he does pro bono work for them. He takes the time to see them whenever they show up at his office.
- **Young Professional of the Year Alyssa Hampson, HopeWest.** Alyssa graduated from the Mesa County Leadership Program in 2015 and served on the board of the Young Professionals Network of Mesa County. Her commitment to advancing the YPN mission and being actively involved led to this award.

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