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Suburban-Chicago Manufacturing Executive Recognized for Commitment to Youth

Quality Float Works, Inc. President Sandra Westlund-Deenihan Earns Association Of Illinois Township Committees On Youth (AITCOY) "2009 Township Friend of Youth Award"

SCHAUMBURG – President of the Schaumburg’s Quality Float Works, Inc., and Hanover Township Trustee, Sandra Westlund-Deenihan, has won the Association Of Illinois Township Committees On Youth (AITCOY) 2009 Township Friend of Youth award. The AITCOY award is presented to an elected township official serving an AITCOY organization who has shown an outstanding commitment to youth.

Sandra serves as the Hanover Township Trustee Liaison to the Youth and Family Services Committee on Youth (YFS-COY) and has worked to develop quality services and programs an effort to ensure residents receive the level of services and support necessary to build a prosperous community. She is dedicated to raising awareness about available programs for area youth, as well as creating new opportunities to engage their interest and teach them how to become good stewards of their community. Through her own manufacturing company and the Township’s Literacy Connection program, she works tirelessly in promoting literacy and occupational English for the labor workforce and English as a second language (ESL) for the immigrant student population in the community. Through her efforts to connect local youth with the employers, Sandra has served as an unofficial liaison for the business community. She has also expanded the membership of the Township’s Committee on Youth to include the broader diversity represented by the Township population.

“It is truly an honor to serve as an advocate for the residents of Hanover Township, especially the youth,” said Sandra Westlund-Deenihan. “My foremost goal is to offer an additional support system to the families in the region, especially during these tough economic times. I’m humbled by receiving this wonderful award in recognition of something so close to my heart.”

“Sandra’s passion, service-orientated leadership, openness to understanding and commitment to helping children, teens and families reach their fullest potential makes her a natural choice to receive this award,” said John Parquette, Hanover Township Director Youth and Family Services who nominated Sandra for the award.

About The Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth (AITCOY)

The Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth (AITCOY) is a statewide resource for community-based human service agencies whose purpose is to 1) promote improved services for youth & families; 2) provide training and technical assistance for development of additional township youth services, and 3) facilitate cooperation, information and resources among township programs. <http://www.toi.org/divisions/AITCOY/default.asp>

About Sandra Westlund-Deenihan

Sandra Westlund-Deenihan is President of Quality Float Works, Inc., a Schaumburg-based family owned and operated manufacturing company that produces hollow float metal balls and assemblies. Quality Float Works, Inc. has been recognized by top business publications for their growth and innovation. Sandra serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers, Tooling & Manufacturing Association, the National Federation of Independent Businesses and America’s Edge. Sandra also serves on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Education, Employment and Training Committee.

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