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Recognize Someone for the Time, Talent & Energy They Contribute to Youth Mentoring?

Nominations are being accepted through **August 20, 2010**, for the Minnesota Business Partnership (MBP) 2010 Connecting with Youth Award. This prestigious award is presented each year before hundreds of business, community and political leaders at the Partnership's Annual Dinner.

The MBP, in conjunction with the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota, presents the Connecting with Youth Award to recognize caring adults who share their time, talents and energy with young people – and to encourage others to join them in youth mentoring.

Previous recipients have demonstrated exceptional commitment to youth mentoring through their many years of service as mentors, through their leadership in recruiting others to become mentors, and/or through their work in promoting and advancing the cause of youth mentoring.

To nominate someone in your organization for the 2010 Connecting with Youth Award, please describe in no more than 600 words (1) the mentoring activities of the nominee, (2) the impact on the youth involved and (3) how mentoring fits into your organization's community relations goals.

To be eligible for the MBP Connecting with Youth Award, the nominee must meet the following criteria:

- An **individual employed by a member of the Minnesota Business Partnership**
 - Working with youth under age 18
 - Participating in a mentoring relationship for nine months or longer
 - Having a positive effect on the young person's academic performance or potential
- *The mentoring relationship need not be limited to one-to-one mentoring but may include various types of mentoring activities.*

Please send your nominations by August 20 to tom.teigen@mnbp.com. The Connecting with Youth Award will be presented at the MBP Annual Dinner on October 14, 2010. We will notify nominators of our decision in early September.

The Partnership recognizes all MBP member companies involved in youth mentoring on our website. If your company isn't listed but should be, contact tom.teigen@mnbp.com, 612-370-0840.



Dan Carlson (left) received the 2009 Connecting with Youth Award from Governor Tim Pawlenty for his seven years of service as a coach, recruiter and board member for High Tech Kids. Also pictured is Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota Executive Director Joellen Gonder-Spacek.