



LifeStream Receives New Bedford Chamber Apex Business Award

LifeStream, Inc. is the recipient of the 2017 New Bedford Chamber of Commerce Apex Business Award for the Large Business category. Awards were presented at a luncheon on Thursday, April 13th at the Century House in Acushnet.

More than 150 people attended the event, which was emceed by Joe Michaud, Chairman of the New Bedford Chamber of Commerce. Michaud noted that they received 30 nominations this year, the highest number in the history of the Apex Awards. Awards were also presented for the Small Business, Non-Profit and Educational categories.

Beth Perdue, editor of the Standard –Times and a member of the Apex Awards’ selection committee, presented the award for the large business category. “As one of New Bedford’s largest employers, they have played a considerable role in fueling the local economy, providing meaningful jobs to hundreds of area residents, and improving the quality of life for many individuals and their families,” she said.

Nomination criteria included:

- Demonstrates creativity and imagination in the development of its business, product or service
- Demonstrates growth in employee and client base and profitability
- Reflects internal and external social responsibility

President/CEO John Latawiec accepted the award on behalf of LifeStream. “We are extremely honored to have been selected,” he stated. “As a provider of human services, our growth and success is due primarily to the dedication and compassion of our employees. This award is a tribute to them.”

LifeStream has experienced significant growth since it was founded in 1976 by a group of parents seeking quality care for their children with disabilities. LifeStream currently operates nearly 30 community residences and four day support programs throughout southeastern Massachusetts, and has approximately 600 employees.