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Lynne Barnes Named 2010 ATHENA® Award Recipient

The Champaign County Chamber of Commerce has named Lynne Barnes as the 2010 ATHENA Award recipient. She will receive the award at a luncheon held at the Champaign Country Club at noon on February 18.

Lynne Barnes is the 22nd local recipient of the award, which honors individuals who assist women in reaching their full leadership potential; demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their businesses or professions; and provide valuable service by devoting time and energy to improving the quality of life for others in the community.

Currently, Lynne is the vice president of clinical operations at Carle Foundation Hospital, and previously served as the director of Carle Therapy Services. She came to Carle in 1977 and enjoys telling people that she has had only two jobs...working at Mr. Donut in Danville and at Carle. Lynne is an occupational therapist and during her early professional years was involved in national and state professional organizations, serving as president of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association and treasurer and speaker for the American Occupational Therapy Association. She is also currently on the adjunct faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

“Lynne is a dynamo, truly. She is a consummate professional who is making many important contributions to the benefit of Champaign County, a person who mentors women to reach their full potential, and a wonderfully likeable person and colleague,” say Jane Hays and Mary McGrath, Lynne’s nominators for the ATHENA Award.

Lynne is involved with various community organizations, including the American Cancer Society, Developmental Services Center and the United Way. She is also a fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives. Lynne is on the board of directors of the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation, and was the first woman to serve as board chair. She served as an Urbana City Councilwoman for the past four years, just ending last May.

Lynne is married to Dick and has one daughter, Jennifer, who is married to Ben Newell, and they have two children. She feels fortunate to have them living close by and enjoys spending time with them all regularly.

Lynne joins a distinguished list of past ATHENA recipients including Kathleen Holden (2009); Jane Hays (2008); Donna Greene (2007); Jayne DeLuce (2006); Sue Grey

(2005); Beth Katsinas (2004); Diane Friedman (2003); Traci Nally (2002); Lyn Jones (2001); Linda Hamilton (2000); Anita Broeren (1999); Theresa Grentz (1998); Zelema Harris (1997); Shirley Anderson (1996); Mary McGrath (1995); Linda Mills (1994); Jan Kiley (1993); Nanette Fisher (1992); Gloria Dauten (1991); Elizabeth Curzon (1990); and Ruth B. Jones (1989).

The ATHENA® Award program is sponsored by the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce and Worden-Martin, Inc., corporate underwriter for the ATHENA® Award program. The award recipient's jeweled lapel pin is provided by Busey Bank and Busey Wealth Management.

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