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And the 2009 Winners Are ...

October 26, 2009 (*Airdrie, Alberta*) – The 2009 Winning Edge Awards Banquet recognized the best of Airdrie business in three categories – exceptional small business, environment and family friendly.

Airdrie Business Resource Partnership (ABRP) Chair, Mike De Bokx was extremely pleased with this year's event. "On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to congratulate each of our winners and recognize the important contribution that all of our finalists make to the health and well-being of our community."

The Winning Edge Award is given to an exceptional small business (under 50 employees) that demonstrates superior customer service, innovative practices and is an active corporate citizen. This year's recipient is The UPS Store, owned by Mike and Deanna Watkins.



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The Eco Edge Award, which is sponsored by the City of Airdrie Environmental Advisory Board, recognizes a business promoting, taking part and providing leadership in the environmental arena. The 2009 Eco Edge Award winner is Airdrie Dog & Pony., owned by Laurie Barrett.



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A business that demonstrates family friendly practices, either through supporting employees' needs or being a fun place for clients/customers to visit is recognized with the **Family Friendly Business Award** which is sponsored by the Airdrie National Family Week Steering Committee. The 2009 recipient is Killarney's Irish Restaurant & Pub, owned by Michael Pyne.



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“The support of our business community, both in sponsorship and attendance terms, made this year’s award banquet the most successful to date,” added Mike De Bokx.

The Winning Edge Awards are organized by the Airdrie Business Resource Partnership. The ABRP seeks to foster the growth of a vibrant, thriving and diversified business community in Airdrie and the surrounding area. The Winning Edge Awards are made possible by generous sponsorship from the local business community. We would especially like to recognize the contributions of our 2009 Platinum Sponsors – Bow Valley Credit Union, City of Airdrie, Meyers Norris Penny & Sign Concepts.

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