

## **Impact Thrift Stores Chosen Non-Profit of the Year**

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*Impact Thrift Stores to be honored at the 14th Annual Penn Suburban Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Awards Celebration for the amount of lives that the organization has positively impacted.*

Hatboro, PA- Impact Thrift Stores, a philanthropic non-profit organization that financially supports a wide variety of locally-based charities, has been chosen as the recipient of the distinguished 2012 Non-Profit of the Year Award by the PennSuburban Chamber of Commerce! One non-profit member has been recognized each year by the chamber since 1998. The award will be formally presented at the PennSuburban Chamber's Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration on June 14th at the William Penn Inn in Bluebell, PA.

According to Pam Kelly, President and CEO of the PennSuburban Chamber of Commerce, award recipients are chosen "based on recommendations from chamber staff and board of directors as well as member input. The staff and board work together to make the annual selection utilizing established criteria."

Impact Thrift Stores was chosen as this year's award winner based on "the number of lives impacted" by their work. "Not only through the donations to charities, but as an employer, and a provider of a low cost shopping opportunity in the community," said Pam. "Impact Thrift enjoys a strong image in the community through the availability of community service opportunities and internships, and has demonstrated a growth in its facilities and employment over the past year."

"We are honored that The Chamber has recognized our efforts," said Jo Greenawalt, Impact Thrift Stores' Director of Business Development. "As we work hard, day in and day out, on the details of running a business, we get so wrapped up in that work that we don't realize the impact we are having in the community. This award is a stark reminder of why we are here."

Impact Thrift partners with corporations, schools, universities, churches, youth organizations, and other local non-profits in its efforts to positively impact the communities that surround each one of their four store locations in Montgomery and Bucks County. Working cooperatively with other like-minded organizations creates a network of support; which not only spreads awareness of Impact Thrift's mission, it also allows Impact Thrift to be of greater service and give back to the communities that have supported their cause over the past ten years.

"In receiving this award we are reminded of why Impact Thrift Stores exists," Jo Greenawalt continues. "We act as a vehicle to facilitate the creation of funds from your gently-used merchandise donations; which we then distribute to locally-based charities that focus on the needs of families and children in our area. This award should be given to the community itself because, without our donors and shoppers none of this could be accomplished. It truly takes a whole community."

Past Non-Profit of the Year award recipients include North Penn Boys/Girls Club, North Penn VNA, North Penn YMCA, North Penn United Way, Community Housing, Foulkeways, North Penn Rotary Club, Peak Center, Manna on Main Street, North Penn Community Health Foundation, Abington Health, and the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association.

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