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Durham businesses and organizations honored at Small Business Excellence Awards

DURHAM, NC – Two Durham non-profits and two Durham small businesses were honored at the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce's Annual Small Business Excellence Awards held this morning at the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club. More than 215 people attended the breakfast. John Atkins of O'Brien/Atkins served as keynote speaker for the event.

CrossComm, Inc. and Technical Services, Inc. received honors in the small business category, and Genesis Home and Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSAs) were the recipients in the non profit category.

The Chamber has proudly recognized area small businesses at this prestigious awards program since 1986. Small Business Excellence Awards recognize small businesses and non profits for their hard work, creativity, innovation, financial success and community involvement.

About the winners:

CrossComm, Inc. - An interactive agency that integrates creativity and technology to create solutions that are balanced in form and function. The company offers web-related services including strategic planning, design, implementation, programming and management of post-launch marketing efforts such as email campaigns, search engine optimization, and paid-placement advertising.

Technical Services, Inc. - A construction employment service and recruiting firm specializing in meeting the demands of the electrical construction industry. They offer contractors flexible and comprehensive recruiting, training and placement services.

Genesis Home - An organization dedicated to helping families with children and young adults out of foster care overcome homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency while residing in a safe and supportive environment. They offer case management support necessary to meet parenting, job, education and housing-related goals.

TROSA - A residential substance abuse recovery program whose mission is to be an innovative, multi-year residential program that enables substance abusers to be productive, recovering individuals by providing comprehensive treatment, work-based vocational training, education, and continuing care.

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