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## **Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Outstanding Leaders in Business, Education**

**Gettysburg, Pa.** – The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce, Adams County’s oldest and largest business organization, today recognized outstanding community leaders during its annual Awards Breakfast, part of a month-long celebration of Chamber Member Appreciation Month in May.

Recipients are Small Business Person of the Year, Stacey Green, Biggerstaff’s Catering; Educator of the Year, Nancy Cook, Rolling Acres Elementary, Littlestown School District; and Best Small Place to Work in Adams County, The Lodges at Gettysburg.

“Adams County is home to exceptional leaders who contribute to the local economy and serve the community,” said Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce President Carrie Stuart. “The chamber thanks these outstanding award winners, and the entire local business community, for their many contributions to keeping Adams County strong, viable and growing.”

Small Business Person of the Year **Stacey Green** has grown her food business from a small truck stop restaurant to a successful catering company with 17 years of service to the community. Biggerstaff’s Catering currently holds the food service contract for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, where a full-time staff of five and additional part-time employees provide daily lunch specials for students and staff and cater private and corporate events from the Refectory. A regular recipient of “best caterer” awards, Green has developed strong relationships with local businesses. She has also found new and innovative ways to succeed in the competitive business, adding a “Quiz Night” to the monthly agenda, where the community can enjoy a meal and trivia, and a “Bistro Night,” which gives families the opportunity to purchase meals to put in the freezer for later use. Actively involved in the community, Stacey is a current or past board member of the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce, Gettysburg Hospital Foundation, Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival, Adams County Community Foundation and Gettysburg Borough Zoning Hearing Board, and is a supporter of many other organizations.

“Stacey is a caring and compassionate employer who creates a family atmosphere within her business,” said Anne Zabawa, employee and nominator. “She is an exemplary example of how a business woman can achieve success and support the growth and development of her community through her own personal services and the resources of her business.”

Educator of the Year **Nancy Cook** has been an elementary school teacher for 29 years, most recently in a third grade classroom at Rolling Acres Elementary in Littlestown. A creative, enthusiastic and dedicated teacher, Cook uses a variety of teaching techniques, skills and her wealth of experience to serve the needs of her students. She strives not only to meet her students’ educational needs, but also their emotional and social needs. She also works to engage parents as partners in education and is the third grade representative for the school’s PTO. Cook supports her fellow educators by writing curriculum, organizing field trips and soliciting donations from local businesses to help fund them, and managing the Scholastic Book Club points program to build a trade book library for educator enrichment. She is also dedicated to boosting the morale of other teachers as the chair of the Rolling Acres Teachers’ Social Club. Outside of the classroom, Cook is an active member and elder at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, chair of the United Way’s A Woman’s Purse Auction, former board member of the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County, member of the Adams County Arts Council and helped spearhead the Adams County Library branch in Littlestown.

“Our community is truly blessed to have Nancy living and working here,” said friend and nominator Mary Malewicki. “Nancy is a ‘get it done’ individual. Nothing is too big or too complicated for her to tackle. If you want a great volunteer, employee or friend, Nancy Cook is the person you want on your team.”

The Best Small Place to Work in Adams County, **The Lodges at Gettysburg**, has been host to thousands of hotel guests, weddings, corporate retreats, meetings and reunions since 2011, earning many accolades for excellence along the way. A team of 10 full-time and three part-time employees work diligently to provide excellent service to all guests, and many have been employed more than five years. To provide year-round employment in a seasonal business, many staff are cross-trained in various departments. This has an added benefit of better communication and understanding throughout the departments. The property’s general manager has an open door policy and encourages staff to visit and provide feedback regularly to ensure internal policies and procedures are working. Weekly meetings

make sure everyone is on the same page. The staff is invested in the property because they are treated with trust, respect and rewarded through family picnics, use of on-site facilities and flexible scheduling. Likewise the staff invests in the local community, with each making a commitment to perform community service.

“Our owners, my bosses, have provided staff with the necessary tools and freedom to foster a superior work environment,” said General Manager Denise Shultz. “With their support, we’ve created what I feel is the perfect team.”

The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce supports the local business community by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, networking and information. Nearly 530 local businesses and organizations are members. For more information or to join the chamber, visit [www.gettysburg-chamber.org](http://www.gettysburg-chamber.org).

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