

PRESS RELEASE

RE: Fox Commerce Park Business Receives Award
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The Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) has chosen a business located in the Fox Commerce Park, St. Clairsville, for an Excellence in Business Award. Tomorrow's Corner, LLC will be recognized in the Emerging Business category. The adult-habilitation center is owned and operated by its founder, Lisa Kazmirski .The award will be presented on April 24, at the annual EODA meeting in Walnut Creek, Ohio. To attend , visit www.eoda.org or call 330-674-8625. The cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are necessary.

Tomorrow's Corner was nominated by Sue Douglass, Executive Director of the Belmont County Department of Development Community Improvement Corporation (DOD/CIC). At its annual meeting each year, EODA presents awards to businesses from a 16 county area. They are recognized for their excellence in 3 categories, in areas ranging from industry to tourism to entrepreneurship to manufacturing. Ohio Coatings was the first Belmont County business to receive an EODA award; Kazmirski becomes the second.

The keynote speaker at the meeting will be Jennifer Brunner, Ohio Secretary of State.

In 2007,working with the DOD/CIC and the Belmont County Commission, Kazmirski built a 12,000 square foot new building in Fox Commerce Park (FCP) at 66730 Pogue Road. It officially opened for business June 9, 2008. Her skilled care providers serve the needs of more than 80 adults with mild to severe disabilities . She employs nearly 50 trained personnel , who work in state of the art spaces. " Our mission is to deliver fun and engaging services in a caring atmosphere", said Kazmirski. " I knew the concept of the sheltered workshop, and thought there must be a better way to do it".

Douglass added that this award is a good opportunity to highlight how local talent contributes to the area economy. " Lisa has beautifully accomplished her dreams, and in doing so, shines a bright light on the assets we have in the hardworking, creative people of our area. Her success is a source of encouragement and inspiration to all of us here. Working with her is a privilege."

The DOD/CIC is the land agent for the Belmont County Commission in developing FCP. There are 7 operating businesses currently.

"FCP has become a beacon for diverse business development, ranging from national (Fed Ex) to local enterprises", explained Douglass. "It has become a place where good business and good community exists , both as good neighbors in the park and to the widespread business world as well. We are very fortunate to have the current tenants. As I get to know and work with them, their levels of skill, creativity, and good business sense becomes more impressive. I deeply appreciate the work they do to keep work going here. "

As the prime point of contact for area economic development, the DOD/CIC office works with businesses to help them operate successfully. It facilitates partnerships, and provides resources at all stages of business operations. More information is available at 740-695-9678. The office is located at 117 East Main Street in St.Clairsville, OH 43950. Douglass also can be reached at suedouglass.belmontcounty@comcast.com