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PRESS RELEASE

4th Annual Faith in the Future Awards Presented

Johnson City, TN (November 14, 2013) – The winners of the 2013 CenturyLink Faith in the Future Awards were recognized at a luncheon event coordinated by CenturyLink and The Chamber of Commerce serving Johnson City-Jonesborough-Washington County. Recipients were evaluated based on their commitment to the future of their business, their employees, their community and the region. All nominees and recipients were recognized during a luncheon event on November 14th at The Millennium Centre, with featured keynote speaker, Dave McAuley, from Summit Leadership Foundation.

In the **Entrepreneur Category**, Positive Approach Group, LLC received an award.

- Positive Approach Group is a full-service event planning firm. They plan and promote all types of events from corporate functions to weddings and festivals. Positive Approach also owns VENUE in downtown Johnson City.

In the **Non-Profit Category**, the Boys & Girls Club of Greeneville & Greene County received an award.

- The Boys & Girls Club of Greeneville and Greene County shapes the future of young people by providing a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences, and hope and opportunity.

In the **Healthcare Category**, Holston Medical Group received an award.

- Holston Medical Group's mission is to provide quality medical care that exceeds patient expectations and builds lasting relationships. HMG's "Family of Care" consists of more than 800 employees, including more than 150 physicians and mid-level providers with convenient locations throughout Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

In the **Retail Category**, The Mall at Johnson City received an award.

- The Mall at Johnson City, owned and managed by Glimcher Realty Trust, Columbus, Ohio, is the region's premiere shopping destination with more than 85 stores and eateries. Over 1,200 people are employed at the shopping center. They host a variety of outreach programs during the year to support causes for our diverse community.

In the **Manufacturing Category**, Mullican Flooring, LP received an award.

- Mullican Flooring LP ranks among the nation's top five hardwood flooring manufacturers, widely recognized in the industry for their quality and durability.

In the **Service Category**, Tennessee College of Applied Technology Elizabethton received an award.

- The Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Elizabethton has impacted lives for the past 48 years, providing the necessary job training for thousands of individuals and their families. Over time, programs have been added to meet the needs of employers in our community and region.

In the **Individual Category**, Dennis Vonderfecht received an award.

- Dennis Vonderfecht maintains a strong personal commitment to the communities of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, building stronger communities by connecting the organizations that can have the greatest positive impact on the region's health.

In the **Young Entrepreneur Category**, Dustin Mohr with Mohr Fitness received an award.

- Dustin Mohr owns Mohr Fitness, showing a continued commitment to improving the health and fitness of individuals in the community through his business and fundraising events designed to benefit specific health-related causes.

In the **Women-Owned Category**, Mary Ellen Miller with MarketingMel received an award.

- MarketingMel is a communications consultancy company with a business and personal record of community service, mentorship, innovation, and leadership.

In the **Veteran-Owned Category**, Edwards Ragan & Associates, LLC received an award.

- Edwards Ragan & Associates LLC is a veteran-owned human resource services firm whose principals have been assisting clients with human resource issues for more than thirty years.