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## **Republic Bank Announces Winners of Sixth Annual *We CARE* Awards in Central Kentucky**

### **Winning Companies & Their Employees Exhibited Outstanding Community Service**

LEXINGTON – The winners of Republic Bank’s sixth annual *We CARE* Awards were announced Thursday night at an awards ceremony at The Hilary J. Boone Center, emceed by WLEX-TV anchor Kevin Christopher.

In 2006 Republic Bank launched the first *We CARE* Awards as a way to give recognition and appreciation to local companies whose employees do great things for the community. The award was created to publicly congratulate companies who stress the four elements contained in the *CARE* name itself – **Community Activity Recognition Enterprise**.

Over 40 nominations were accepted from companies who met the *We CARE* criteria, and were judged on how they encourage employees to become involved in volunteer activities, either during or after work hours. They were also evaluated on how they support community-based initiatives through philanthropic efforts and neighborhood assistance. Winners were selected by an independent panel of judges consisting of previous winners and community leaders. Of the 30 finalists, seven companies were selected as winners.

#### ***The 2011 winners are ...***

**Creative Lodging Solutions  
Dulworth, Breeding, Karns & Pleasant LLP  
Greenheck Fan Corporation  
Jim Beam Brands  
Paul Miller Autogroup  
Powell Walton Milward  
S&S Tire, Inc.**

“The Republic Bank *We CARE* Awards have again brought to light the quality and variety of volunteer work done by so many companies in our community,” said Bo Henry, Market President of Republic Bank.

“All of us at Republic Bank recognize the employees of the nominated companies, and especially the winning companies, for the community efforts they put forth. They contribute so much to making this a great place to live and raise our families,” stated Steve Trager, Chairman and CEO of Republic Bank.

“I’m so proud of the way employees of Lexington area companies reach out into our neighborhoods and communities every day,” said Pat Dalbey, general manager of WLEX-TV. “There’s an obvious, growing culture of caring that the Republic Bank We CARE award is nurturing. I’m particularly impressed with the quality of the employee volunteer efforts made by this year’s winning companies. Central Kentucky is indeed a warm, friendly, giving community and WLEX-TV is proud to be part of recognizing the wonderful spirit of giving represented by these awards.”

Winning companies received a handmade glass award designed by Louisville glass artist Casey Hyland, and media partner WLEX-TV will produce and broadcast video vignettes highlighting each winning company.

Some of the previous winners of the We CARE Award include: Buffalo Trace Distillery, Lexington Legends, Fayette Heating & Air, Blood-Horse Publications, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky, Lexmark LCM Company, Trane, Ashland, Inc., Kentucky American Water, Clark Material Handling Company, and Affiliated Computer Services.

For more information on how your organization can obtain a nomination for 2012, contact Allison Pogue at [wecareaward@republicbank.com](mailto:wecareaward@republicbank.com), or (502) 560-8696 or visit [www.republicbank.com](http://www.republicbank.com).

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