

## Media Release

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### **TOWN SQUARE TELEVISION RECEIVES SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Inver Grove Heights, MN--** The River Heights Chamber of Commerce awarded its annual Small Business of the Year Award to Town Square Television at the Annual Small Business Luncheon and Trade Show, Mendakota Country Club, Mendota Heights, MN, Friday, April 25, 2008. Nancy Fish, Owner of Bywords Printing in South St. Paul, Past Board Chair and Chair of the Chamber's Recognition Committee stated, "This year's winner is not what you think of as a 'typical small business.' They are a small non-profit corporation celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. They have 15 employees, a 7,500 square foot facility in IGH, and they have been a Chamber member since 1993. And when our nominating committee went down the list of Criteria for the Small Business Award, they matched up in literally every category, including Chamber involvement, innovation, customer, supplier and employee relationships, as well as involvement and support in our communities and with various professional organizations.

Town Square Television Executive Director Jodie Miller said she is most proud of the staff. "It takes a special person to be at the top of their field in a very high-tech communications industry, and also to be highly motivated to work with the public in a community-based non-profit. I am amazed by the incredible talent and grateful for the dedication of our 15 employees," Miller added, "Thank you to the dozens of volunteers who have served on the Town Square Television Board over the past 20 years and on the NDC4 Cable Commission over the past 26 years. Their vision and advocacy through the years is the backbone of the organization. We thank the business sponsors, customers, members and donors who provide critical financial support. Furthermore, I want to thank the hundreds of members, producers and volunteers who have put in thousands of hours to support our mission of providing uniquely LOCAL programming on cable TV and assisting the public in using technology for LOCAL communications."

Town Square Television Board Chair Steve Fillippini thanked the Chamber for the honor and said, "We are proud of our community. What better way to show that than to bring it into your homes?"

NDC4 Cable Commission Chair George Tourville thanked the volunteer leadership and the employees of both Town Square Television and its parent organization, the Northern Dakota County Cable Communications Commission (“NDC4”). He stated, “Town Square Television’s slogan is, ‘Bringing together people, programs, and production’ and that is what they do. They have become extremely important to the fabric of this community.”

Town Square Television is a non-profit organization producing local television programs and providing access to video production equipment, studios, training, and cable TV channel time for community members who wish to televise their own programs. Town Square Television channels are 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 and can be viewed by 21,000 cable TV households in Inver Grove Heights, Lilydale, Mendota, Mendota Heights, South St. Paul, Sunfish Lake, and West St. Paul. More information is available at [www.townsquare.tv](http://www.townsquare.tv), including detailed weekly schedules for all Channels.