



## **Town of Wallingford**

Economic Development Commission

### **News Center Release**

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The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce's Annual State of the Town luncheon on January 20 again provided the setting for the Wallingford Economic Development Commission (EDC) to invite and entertain businesses new to our community and Wallingford companies that were honored by others in 2011. EDC Chairman Joe Mirra spearheaded this year's initiative. "The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce is an active partner in the business of economic development, particularly with our business retention efforts," said Mirra. "The Chamber provides superb networking for our business community. This event is an outstanding opportunity for that networking."

Representatives from businesses that moved into Wallingford, expanded or were honored in 2011 and attended the event as a guest of the EDC were: CVS; Paradise Hills Vineyards and Winery; HoloKrome; Burns & McDonnell; Workers' Compensation Trust; Community Health Network; CyVek; Geremia Greenhouses; PPI Benefit Solutions; Choate Rosemary Hall; and Advanced Turbine Services. James Auger, Vice President of Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield and President of the Quinnipiac Chamber, commented on his company's relocation into Wallingford in 2011. According to Auger, Anthem moved 300 employees in September into their new offices at the Campus at Green Hill on Leigus Road. They will relocate their remaining 1,000 employees into Wallingford by the fall of 2012.

EDC Chairman Mirra was joined at this annual event by Vice Chairman Richard Nunn and Commissioners Tom Collette, Gary Fappiano, Rosemarie Preneta and Jim Wolfe.

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