

Women's Business Center Holds Client Recognition

The Women's Business Center, Inc. held its Eighth Annual SAL Client Awards on Thursday, May 19, 2010 at the Heron Lakes Country Club in Mobile. Keynote speaker for the event was Sheila Hodges, Owner/Chairman of the Board of Meyer Real Estate located in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

The SAL (Southern Alabama) Awards are presented to clients of the Women's Business Center, Inc. in several categories. The SAL Awards spotlights emerging and existing women entrepreneurs by recognizing the courage, diligence and hard work necessary for business ownership.

SAL Award winners in the emerging business category were:

Frankie M. Beech, Owner, Casanova's Rendezvous Café, LLC, Chatom, Alabama

Sheilah Dorsey, SeCe's Styles-n-Cuts, Frisco City, Alabama

Tanisha Rankins, Owner, Customer Service & Efficiency Solutions, Monroeville, Alabama

Denise Zecha, Gulf Coast Career College, Inc., Mobile, Alabama

Rising Star Award, 1-5 years in business: Drexel Gilbert-Cotton, Drexel Gilbert Enterprises, Inc., Mobile, Alabama

Shining Star Award, 6-10 years in business: Lisa Reynolds, Associate Broker, Atmore Realty, Atmore, Alabama

Guiding Star Award, 11-15 years in business: Sonja Fowler, Managing Broker, Sonja Fowler & Associates, Inc., Mobile, Alabama

Blazing Star Award, 16+ years in business: J.M. "Margie" Wilcox, President/Owner Mobile Bay Transportation Company, Yellow Cab, Pensacola Bay Transportation Mobile, Alabama

The Women's Business Center, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not for profit Alabama Corporation. We have been in the microenterprise development business helping micro entrepreneurs, especially women start and operate small businesses since 1993. At that time we were one of the first Women's Business Centers in the country and the first one in the state of Alabama to receive funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Women's Business Ownership. The SBA has continuously funded us since that time. Services to the women and men of Mobile and Baldwin County in south Alabama are provided through our Women's Business Center of Southern Alabama. October 2006 we began a five year contract from the SBA to create the Bizmobile Rural Outreach Program. This program has expanded our services to cover the seven southernmost counties in the state of Alabama including: Mobile; Baldwin; Washington; Clarke; Conecuh; Monroe and Escambia Counties.