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Improving the Quality of Life through Regional Solutions

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PATTERN FOR PROGRESS ANNOUNCES REGIONALISM AWARD WINNERS

Rob Dyson to provide keynote address at November 5 Awards Reception

Newburgh – Dyson Foundation President Rob Dyson will be keynote speaker at Pattern for Progress' annual awards reception November 5 at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor.

The reception will feature the presentation of four annual regional awards recognizing work to improve the quality of life across the Hudson Valley. The 2009 recipients are:

- *Economic Development* -- **Orange Regional Medical Center**, for leadership in building the first new hospital in New York State in twenty years, in order to better meet the healthcare needs of the Valley's growing and aging population.
- *Regional Achievement* – **The Chambers and Business Organizations of the Hudson Valley** who collaborated on behalf of the region's taxpayers to educate the public and Albany on the inequity of the MTA payroll tax: Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Partnership, Rockland Business Association, Rockland Economic Development Corporation, Business Council of Westchester, and Business Council of New York State.
- *Quality of Life* -- **Food Bank of the Hudson Valley** for meeting some of the most daunting challenges brought by this troubled economy, by continuing to find new sources of support and creative strategies to help 370 agencies in their daily fight to solve hunger in the region.
- *Lifetime Achievement*, which honors a former Pattern board member who has throughout their career had a significant impact on the quality of life in the Hudson Valley – **Lou Heimbach**, whose longtime efforts to improve housing, jobs and infrastructure in our region have had enduring results.

"Pattern's annual awards recognize corporate and civic leaders whose extraordinary accomplishments have had a regional impact," said David MacFarland, president of Riverside Bank and chairman of Pattern's board of directors. "We want to celebrate those whose vision has encompassed and benefited not just their own communities, but the Hudson Valley."

The annual awards reception draws more than 500 Hudson Valley leaders each year to Anthony's Pier 9, where a networking session begins at 5:30 p.m. with a wide range of dinner choices available from food stations. At 7:00, dessert and coffee are served in the main dining room for the awards presentation and guest speaker. The event concludes at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$135 for members, \$160 for non-members, with table pricing available.

Sponsors for the event are HealthQuest, Orange Regional Medical Center, The Community Colleges of the Hudson Valley, All Bright Electric, DJ Consulting, Holt Construction, Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Mohonk Preserve, Rhinebeck Savings, Riverside Bank, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Ulster Savings Bank, Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGovanni & Weddell, and Westchester Medical Center.

Pattern for Progress is a not-for-profit policy, planning, advocacy and research organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life for Hudson Valley residents through regional solutions. Founded in 1965 by business, academic and civic leaders, and based in Newburgh, NY, Pattern serves nine counties: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester. Event information is available by calling 845-565-4900, and online at www.pattern-for-progress.org.

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EVENT INFO IN BRIEF:

What: Pattern for Progress Annual Awards Reception
When: November 5, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Where: Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor
Cost: \$135 for members, \$160 for non-members