

PowerNet Global Receives 2012 Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Community Service

Smart Business recognizes PowerNet Global for contributions to community.

CINCINNATI, OH – January 25, 2012 – PowerNet Global, veteran of the telecommunications industry for more than 20 years and well known for strong business ethics, integrity, and reliability, received The 2012 Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Community Service. The Medical Mutual Pillar Award is presented by *Smart Business Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky*.

The Pillar Award for Community Service, honors businesses of all types and sizes that make outstanding contributions to their community. Its purpose is to encourage a charitable environment, recognize creative efforts that make a difference and demonstrate the ties between the for-profit and nonprofit worlds.

PowerNet Global, founded on core values of spirituality, integrity, compassion, conviction, and flexibility, was recognized for its everyday practices that include sponsoring and participating in events that give back to the community, providing financial contributions to various causes, and encouraging employees to volunteer personal time with its Charitable PTO program.

The PowerNet Global Social Committee prepares a variety of events throughout the year to help support local charities and provide employees with opportunities for fun and fellowship. Organizations that PowerNet Global have made financial contributions to or participated in/hosted special events for in 2011 include the American Heart Association, City Gospel Mission, Crayons to Computers, Fairfield Food Pantry, Focas Ministries, Jobs Plus, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, PregnancyCare of Cincinnati, Race to Unity, and many more.

"We aren't a huge company, but we have a lot to give. Many companies have money and time, but PowerNet Global also has a lot of heart, which is evidenced by the generosity and dedication of our employees," said Bernie Stevens, president and CEO of PowerNet Global. "I am honored to accept this award on behalf of PowerNet Global and thank Smart Business, Medical Mutual, and everyone else that make the Pillar Awards possible."

About PowerNet Global

Celebrating 20 years as a leader in the industry and achievement as a multi-award winning company, <u>PowerNet Global</u> is a premier provider of high-quality voice, data, SIP, and managed communications services to commercial and residential customers nationwide. Headquartered in Cincinnati, OH, PowerNet Global has achieved consistent growth by developing and marketing an expanding array of competitive products and maintaining a clear focus on delivering unrivaled service to its partners and customers.

About Smart Business Network

Smart Business Network is a national multimedia company that provides insight, advice and strategy to C-suite executives and entrepreneurs. It publishes 17 regional management journals under the brand <u>Smart Business</u>, operates multiple Web properties and produces conferences and events across the U.S.

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