

Give Where You Live

Susan Lacz and Ridgewells Catering

For over 80 years, Ridgewells, a Bethesda-based company, has set the bar for premier catering and event design in the Washington Metropolitan area. As Principal and CEO, Susan Lacz has made Ridgewells a leader in giving back to our community as well.

Susan personally supports local nonprofit organizations, including those that provide social services for women and children and organizations addressing health-related issues. As Susan is also an avid supporter of the arts, she joined the Board of Imagination Stage when it moved to Bethesda.

What's more, Ridgewells became a main sponsor for Imagination Stage's annual fundraising gala, which has enabled the organization to grow its multi-disciplinary theatre arts programs for kids of all ages.



Ridgewells also promotes a spirit of generosity among its staff. The company regularly volunteers and donates food to local nonprofits which provide meals to vulnerable families and the homeless. Moreover, Susan encourages Ridgewells' employees to get involved in the community by individually supporting organizations addressing issues that they are passionate about. It's no wonder that the Greater Washington Board of Trade recently took note of Ridgewells, honoring the company with its 2009 Golden Links Award for being an institution that makes the Washington community the best place to live and work. The Community Foundation for Montgomery County is also proud to commend Ridgewells for its exemplary "Give Where You Live" leadership in our community.

The "Give Where You Live" Corporate Honor Roll is sponsored by The Community Foundation for Montgomery County, an affiliate of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. The Community Foundation for Montgomery County encourages individuals, families, and businesses to support the causes they care about most—especially here in our community.

If you and your company already give in Montgomery County and you'd like to be recognized on the Give Where You Live Corporate Honor Roll, please contact us. Or if you and your firm would like to get more involved in strategic local giving, we'd be happy to provide complimentary guidance on how to get started.



Founding Corporate Honor Roll

The *Give Where You Live* Honor Roll recognizes the growing circle of business leaders who – personally and corporately -- give generously, especially in Montgomery County. They gave in good times – and they are still giving, especially now when the need is so great.

- William G. "Bill" Robertson - Adventist HealthCare
- Steve Hull - Bethesda Magazine
- John E. Chapoton - Brown Advisory
- Andy Burness - Burness Communications
- Peter Welber - Chevy Chase Trust
- Devin Schain - Campus Direct
- Mary A. Malgoire - The Family Firm
- Susan Freed - Freed Advisors
- Michelle Freeman - Carl M. Freeman Co. & Foundations
- Kristin Gerlach - Gerlach real estate, inc.
- Neal J.B. Simon - Highline Wealth Management
- Seth Goldman - Honest Tea
- Alan Meltzer - The Meltzer Group
- Thomas Natelli - Natelli Communities
- Jeffrey Z. Slavin - C.J. O'Shaughnessy, Inc. REALTORS
- Eugene Profit - Profit Funds
- Susan Lacz - Ridgewells Catering
- Craig A. Ruppert - Ruppert Companies
- Kevin Beverly - Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.
- Ethan Assal - Verasolve LLC
- Haroon Mokhtarzada - Webs.com



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