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2010 Young Professionals Award Winners Announced

The Greater Watertown Jaycees, in partnership with the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Investment Board and the Jefferson County Job Development Corporation, are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Young Professionals Awards. This year's recipients are Jamie Mayer, Jennifer Hodge and Katie Taylor.

Jamie Mayer, founder of CNY Media Group, was selected for his outstanding leadership in business. Mr. Mayer started CNY Media Group, formerly known as Infinite Media, 10 years ago and has grown it into a very successful business. Mr. Mayer has served as a past president of the Downtown [Watertown] Business Association, and has organized the Taste of New York event for the past 6 years. This event is held annually in Sackets Harbor and highlights food and wines produced in the North Country and New York State with a portion of the event proceeds benefits a local charity.

Jennifer Hodge, Director of Development, North Country Children's Clinic, was selected for her outstanding leadership and volunteer work in her community. Ms. Hodge is actively involved in her community not only through her work at the Children's Clinic, but in organizations that she assists. She helped to organize a project in the South Jefferson School District that will send backpacks with food in them home to children in need, and helped the 2009 class of the Jefferson Leadership Institute organize a food drive. Ms. Hodge belongs to the Planned Giving Council, the Watertown Evening Club, and the Greater Watertown Jaycees. She also serves on the board of directors for WPBS.

Katie Taylor, music educator, Alexandria Central School, was selected for her outstanding leadership in arts and culture. Ms. Taylor is a graduate of the SUNY Potsdam Crane School of Music and is a vocal music educator for grades K-12 at Alexandria Central School. Ms. Taylor loves music and performs in the quartet, U4X, which won the 2008 International Championship. She also serves as the director of the Northern Blend Chorus, as the youth music coordinator for Harmony Incorporated, is a member of the Music Education National Conference, the Jefferson-Lewis County Music Teachers Association, and the North Country Arts Council.

The Young Professionals Awards were created by the Greater Watertown Jaycees in 2007 to recognize our areas leaders under the age of 40. Recipients will be honored at a luncheon on Thursday, October 7, noon, at the Ramada Inn. The guest speaker is Assemblywoman Addie J. Russell. Tickets are \$20 and you can register by contacting capone.michelle@yahoo.com.