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**Lori Kaiser of Kaiser Consulting Wins 2019 Columbus Chamber Small Business Leader Award**

POWELL, OH – February 11, 2019 - The Columbus Chamber of Commerce has honored Lori Kaiser, Founder and CEO of Kaiser Consulting, LLC, with its 2019 Small Business Leader Award. The award celebrates Central Ohio business leaders who have achieved great success in business excellence while contributing to the development of the Columbus Region.

“I’m deeply honored to accept this distinguished award. I want to thank my talented team of professionals who make it easy for me to lead and the Ohio businesses that embrace Kaiser Consulting’s unique business model by placing their trust in us to serve as their business advisors,” said Kaiser.

“I would also like to thank the members of this business community. Without exception, each time I’ve needed guidance on an issue, someone in this community has stepped up and helped me find my way,” adds Lori. “This willingness to unselfishly help one another succeed makes me proud to live and work in Columbus.”

Founded in 1992, Kaiser Consulting has grown into an award-winning, multimillion-dollar accounting and information technology consulting firm currently ranked as the 7th largest accounting firm in Central Ohio according to *Columbus CEO Magazine*. Lori oversees the firm’s 75+ employees, including six shareholders, and is the visionary behind its innovative part-time, flexible business model.

The firm’s culture is built upon recruiting highly-experienced, well-educated business professionals who desire to work less than a full-time schedule. “Scheduling the hours people want to work as opposed to 40-hour weeks is attractive to employees and clients alike,” said Kaiser. “Employees are happy with their healthy work-life balance and clients appreciate the flexibility to request as-needed, fractional-time consultants. It’s a win-win situation for everyone.”



*Presenting the 2019 Small Business Leader Award to Lori Kaiser were Columbus Chamber leaders (l-to-r) Keith Stevens, Incoming Board Chairman, Jeff Sopp, Outgoing Board Chairman, Kaiser, and Don DePerro, President & CEO*

Awarded the prestigious 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility, Kaiser Consulting has been recognized as a 2016 Progressive Organization by *Smart Business Magazine* and named a Central Ohio “Best Places to Work” by *Columbus Business First* three times, most recently earning the #1 spot in the 2018 medium-sized category.

The Small Business Leader Award was announced during *Inspire US*, the Chamber’s 2019 Annual Meeting held on February 7th at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Over 1,200 members of the Central Ohio business community came together to be inspired by the stories of success shared by dynamic leaders from the Columbus Region.

Now in its 34th year, the annual award recognizes leaders who have substantiated success and leadership, increased sales, workforce and contributions to the community. “I’d like to thank the judges for performing the extensive selection process. I’m proud to have been nominated with fellow entrepreneurs Rachel Friedman of TENSOLD and John Roush of Moo Moo Express Car Wash,” said Kaiser. “I’d also like to thank the Columbus Chamber for being a champion for small businesses.”

Giving back to the Central Ohio community, Lori currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Ohio Society of CPAs and The Women’s Fund of Central Ohio. She is also Chair of the Columbus Chamber’s Small Business Council, a Student Advisor at Otterbein University, and a Senior Lecturer at The Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University.

#### **About Kaiser Consulting**

Kaiser Consulting offers a broad range of industry-specific accounting, finance, and information technology services including US-SOX/J-SOX and regulatory compliance audits, outsourced accounting, transaction advisory consulting, internal control assessments, and process improvement solutions. The company provides services to businesses ranging from small privately-owned companies to multinational Fortune 500 companies, as well as nonprofit organizations. Headquartered in Powell, Ohio with operations in Cincinnati, Kaiser Consulting is an all-woman owned firm with 75+ employees. The firm is currently the 7th largest accounting firm in Central Ohio according to research conducted by *Columbus CEO Magazine*. To learn more, please visit <https://kaiserconsulting.com>.

#### **About the Columbus Chamber of Commerce**

The Columbus Chamber of Commerce has a simple, yet bold mission: to help the Columbus Region grow and thrive. The Chamber acts as the voice of the business community through distinct pillars of service, programming and dialogue. To learn more, please visit <https://columbus.org>.

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