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## **Nominate a Hometown Star**

**SCRANTON, PA, July 27, 2007**—The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2007 Hometown Star Award. The Hometown Star Award, sponsored by Pennstar Bank, recognizes an individual or organization for an event that has made a significant economic impact on the greater Scranton area.

To be eligible for the Hometown Star Award, the organization must be located within Lackawanna County. The event must have taken place within the previous year, and should have had a significant economic impact on Lackawanna County. Entries will be judged on social impact, history, and charitable contributions. They can be self-nominated or nominated by an individual involved in the organization.

“We’re excited to honor an area organization for having a positive impact on greater Scranton,” stated Austin J. Burke, president, the Chamber. “The Hometown Star Award represents all that is great about our area, and we’ve committed to making this an annual recognition.”

The Nutcracker Ballet was the fourth annual Hometown Star Award winner in 2006.

Nominations for the award should include a completed entry form and a profile describing your organization. Nominees should also include a brief history of the event in 500 words or less, including information such as the economic impact, social impact and any charitable contributions that resulted from the event. No more than five attachments can be submitted.

The Hometown Star Award will be presented at the Chamber’s Annual Membership Luncheon on November 7. An on-line entry form for the Hometown Star Award is available at [www.scrantonchamber.com/news\\_events/](http://www.scrantonchamber.com/news_events/). The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 28. For more information contact Julie Ropoch at 570.342.7711 or at [jropoch@scrantonchamber.com](mailto:jropoch@scrantonchamber.com).

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