

# Brighton resident receives ATHENA award

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Rochester, N.Y. — Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) President and Executive Director Jennifer Leonard was honored today by the Women's Council of the Rochester Business Alliance as the recipient of its 2010 ATHENA Award.

"Jennifer's enthusiasm, business savvy and warm personal touch have helped raise the level and profile of community philanthropy," stated Nancy E. Catarisano, partner at Insero & Company CPAs. "Keeping our community vital and viable is a stance that Jennifer embraces both personally and professionally."

Leonard, a Brighton resident, has served in her current role since 1993, building RACF from \$32 million to \$200 million, making it the largest philanthropic foundation in Rochester.

During her tenure, the foundation has awarded more than \$250 million in grants, compared with a total \$15 million in the previous 21 years

The ATHENA Award is given annually by the Women's Council to a local professional woman who has demonstrated significant achievements in business, community service and the professional advancement of women.

The 19 finalists were chosen from nominations made by the community, which were independently reviewed and evaluated by a selection committee in accordance with the award criteria and the key areas of accomplishment it seeks to recognize: professional achievement, community service and support/mentoring of other women.