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“It was especially nice to win this award because it reflects the dedication our team has for its clients,” says Steve Schillig, OSBDC director for District 10. “We strive to put our clients first. I want to extend kudos to our Certified Business Advisor Joe Belinsky, Program Assistant Deanna Spencer and all of our specialized counselors for their efforts and passion toward the entrepreneurs we serve.”

In addition, Belinsky was recognized for completing 1500 hours of counseling, placing second in exceeding the statewide goal of 1200 hours.

Locally, OSBDC received the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce’s prestigious Organization of the Year award at their January banquet. OSBDC was selected for their economic impact in the region and their outstanding work with area small businesses.

OSBDC provides free confidential business consulting loan assistance, training and networking to new and existing small businesses in Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties. During the past year, they met with more than 300 clients and assisted more than 30 clients with new business start-ups. As a result, 119 jobs were created and 350 jobs were retained. The center held 50 training events with 1198 attendees and assisted small businesses with capital infusion of $3.7 million. Learn more at www.kent.edu/tusc/ohio-small-business-development-center.
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