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GETDOT Named Top Networking Organization by *Columbus CEO* Magazine for 2014

COLUMBUS, OHIO – After more than eight years of bringing Columbus business professionals together to socialize, build relationships, and raise money for good causes, the local networking organization GETDOT has now been recognized as the Number One Networking Organization by *Columbus CEO* magazine for their annual “Best of Business 2014” rankings.

"Columbus CEO readers are an unselfish bunch, willing to share their tried-and-true choices," comments Columbus CEO Editor Mary Yost in statements published in the November, 2014 issue. "In fact," she continues, "3,434 readers took the time to cast open-ended votes in the 2014 Columbus CEO Best of Business poll."



“We are really excited to have received this award,” comments GETDOT co-founder Chip Ramsey. “After a few short years, it’s great to see how all of the hard work put in by our board members and volunteers has paid off. It’s great to be associated with the Number One Networking Group in Central Ohio. I just want to wish congratulations to our awesome board and our membership for helping us earn such an honor!”

“Ten years ago Chip and I thought we had a good idea to build friendships that also grew business and served the community,” adds GETDOT co-founder Scott Boles. “With the great help of everyone, from our members, sponsors, and volunteers, to our amazing board, we are so blessed to be surrounded by great friends and it has gotten noticed. I’m still shaking my head in amazement...Wow!”

Mixing a need to network with a desire to help a number of charities (mostly focused on children), GETDOT was formed in 2006. The idea of a networking organization wasn’t new when Scott Boles and Chip Ramsey formed the non-profit group, but they felt something was missing in those other organizations: fun.

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The result was GETDOT, which stands for *Good Excuse To Donate On Thursday*. Membership is no cost, and the organization holds monthly events (each time at a different venue) where people meet in an atmosphere free of pressure, and individuals can get to know each other. The bonds formed in this kind of setting allows for a stronger group and more lasting relationships.

At first, monthly GETDOT meetings brought thirty to sixty people together to share a unique mix of friendship and business. Now, the list of members exceeds 3,200 with events bringing together as many as three hundred.

As these numbers have grown, so has the focus and ability to be a force for good.

“As we have grown as an organization,” Ramsey adds, “we found that we could make a huge difference in the lives of the children in our community. That's why each of our events supports a worthy children's charity. To date, our members have contributed thousands of dollars to support local children in our community. In addition, we have collected books, playground equipment and toys to help brighten the day for these needy kids. And we're proud of that.”

Anyone interested in joining GETDOT, or just learning more about it can visit the website at <http://www.getdotnetworking.org>, or simply visit the next event. Visitors are invited to bring a smile, a great attitude, and a couple of business cards.

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