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Mr. Joe Eckberg
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Dear Joe,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Wisconsin Community Media Board of Directors has chosen Camera Corner to receive the 2015 WCM Friend of Access Award in recognition of its longtime support of Wisconsin's community access television centers. Key West and Leightronix are also being honored this year.

The award reads, "In recognition of its work to preserve the true democratic voice of the community – Public, Education, and Government Access Television."

WCM's successful service to our members has long depended on the willingness of companies such as yours to exhibit equipment appropriate for small production houses and provide advice to television managers about equipment and engineering issues at our yearly conferences. WCM has also benefitted from your expertise in other ways. You have led workshops on topics such as "capturing audio in difficult situations," and "the evolution of TV and new, cool technology," and "how to create the file-based workflow."

In researching this award, WCM found that Camera Corner has sponsored WCM's Spring Conference with only one exception (2007) since 2003 (as far back as I could find records). As Alan Lockett is fond of saying, you are truly one of our most "faithful" vendors.

Past recipients have included state and federal legislators, consultants, PEG media activists, and last year, the executive director of American Community Television, Bunnie Riedel, and the Most Reverend John C. Wester, Bishop of Salt Lake City and Chairman of the Communications Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for their work lobbying on behalf of community television in Washington.

We are thrilled to be able to present this award to you at our Best of the Midwest Video Fest Show being held during our annual Spring Conference on Thursday, April 30 at the Downtown Milwaukee Hilton. We invite you and a guest to attend the Reception at 5:30 pm, the Banquet at 6:30 pm and, of course, the Show that follows.

WCM hopes this award expresses how much we truly appreciate all you and Camera Corner have done over the years for community television. We also hope this award expresses how much your personal friendship has meant to us in the access community.

Sincerely,

Mary Cardona
Executive Director