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## **Harvey and Lewis Opticians Honored as a 2006 Connecticut Family Business of the Year**

Hartford, CT: Harvey & Lewis Opticians has received the 2006 Connecticut Family Business of the Year Award from the University of Connecticut Family Business Program.

"We are so proud to have been honored by the UConn Family Business Program," said James Lewis. "Being a part of a family business has always been a unique and important part of our lives and it is great to be recognized for it."

James Lewis, current president and a member of the fourth generation of the Lewis family, is just one of the family members that work together to successfully oversee the family business. Other fourth generation family members include William Wood, West Hartford branch manager and Jeanne Lewis, office manager. Stuart Lewis, Chairman, is a member of the third generation.

Established in 1890, Harvey & Lewis is the oldest retailer in downtown Hartford. What began as a single location has expanded to eight stores; the most recently opened location is in Canton, in the Shoppes at Farmington Valley.

The Hartford location was the original site for Norman Rockwell's painting "New Glasses" which appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post in 1956. Lista Jarvis, the second wife of Robert H. Lewis, the founder, donated the Lincoln Theater to the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford.

There were over 1,200 businesses nominated for the 2006 Connecticut Family Business Award. The criteria for consideration as Family Business of the Year include business success, positive family and business linkage, multi-generational family involvement, contributions to community and industry, and innovative business practices or strategies. The awards ceremony draws over 300 business owners, industry professionals, academicians, and members of the press.

Since 1995, the UConn Family Business Program has been dedicated to enhancing the success of businesses, families, and individuals by providing unparalleled resources and opportunities for collaboration. The program's goal is to help family businesses develop strategies and policies that will serve to perpetuate family ownership while helping them make significant advances in functions related to business strategy, increased complexity, organizational structure, management practices, diligence, and succession planning.

For more information about Harvey and Lewis please contact James Lewis, President, at 860.522.2020.

About Harvey and Lewis Opticians:

Harvey and Lewis Opticians was established in 1890. We currently operate eight locations in Hartford County in Canton, Hartford, West Hartford, Glastonbury, Kensington, Farmington and Bristol. Harvey and Lewis is a member of the Metro Hartford Chamber of Commerce, the West Hartford and Glastonbury

Chamber of Commerce and a proud sponsor of West Hartford Youth Basketball in addition to many other valuable community organizations. For more information please visit [www.harveyandlewis.com](http://www.harveyandlewis.com).

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