

# GARVEY'S OFFICE PRODUCTS NAMED FAMILY BUSINESS OF YEAR



Garvey's Office Products, Illinois' largest independently-owned office supply distributor, was recently named an Illinois Family Business of the Year by The Family Business Center at Loyola University Chicago's Quinlan School of Business.

Garvey's is an 88 year old company headquartered in Niles and led by six second-generation siblings. The five brothers and one sister learned the business from their father and have worked together for 22 years.

The award recognizes exceptional family businesses that demonstrate a strong

commitment to development, family, and the greater-Illinois community as well as innovative business practices.

"We're honored and thrilled to be recognized by Loyola University for the Illinois Family Business of the Year Award," says president Bernie Garvey.

"But the award goes far beyond the siblings. Our co-workers and customers are what make the family culture at Garvey's special."

The Garvey's staff includes 84 employees, many who have been with the firm for more

than a decade. Garvey's award is in the Medium Business category (50-250 employees).

"The Illinois Family Business of the Year Awards program gives us the opportunity to celebrate the incredible contributions of family business to our communities and our economy," said Andrew Keyt, executive director of the Loyola Family Business Center.

The Garveys were noted for living up to their corporate tag line, "The Nice Guys in Office Supplies." Garvey's has raised more than \$165,000 for local charities through its Recycle for a Reason

Program, which recycles toner cartridges and electronics. In addition, Garvey's is a Food Drive Transportation Partner with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, delivering customers' food donations to the depository.

"Hunger is a year-round issue," notes marketing director Sheila Gartland. "Our programs make it easier for our customers to participate in charitable activities."

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