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EY announces ECHO Health, Inc. Chairman and CEO, William Davis, as Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016 Award winner in Northeast Ohio

Westlake, Ohio (June 27, 2016) – EY today announced that Chairman and CEO, William Davis of ECHO Health, Inc., a leading innovator of payment solutions, received the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016 Award in Northeast Ohio. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Award program. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Mr. Davis was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a special gala event at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland on June 9, 2016.

“It is an honor to be chosen for such an esteemed award,” says Davis. “There is no doubt in my mind that the reason I was selected for this award is largely in part to the amazing team at ECHO. Their dedication, passion and ingenuity have turned mere ideas into the current reality of payment processing.” ECHO Health, Inc. is a leading innovator in payment processing, serving over 75,000 companies, processing more than 50 million payment transactions and paying over \$10 billion annually.

Since 1986, EY has honored entrepreneurs whose ingenuity, spirit of innovation and discipline have propelled their companies’ success, invigorated their industries, and benefited their communities. Now in its 30th year, the program has honored the inspirational leadership of such entrepreneurs as Howard Schultz of Starbucks Coffee Company, Robert Unanue of Goya Foods, and Mindy Grossman of HSN. Recent US national winners include Reid Hoffman and Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn; Hamdi Ulukaya, founder of Chobani; and 2015 winners Andreas Bechtolsheim and Jayshree Ullal of Arista Networks.

As a Northeast Ohio award winner, Mr. Davis is now eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2016 national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur Of



The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 19, 2016. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum™, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. The US Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall Award winner then moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Monaco, June 2017.

Sponsors

Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are sponsored nationally by SAP America, Merrill Corporation and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

In Northeast Ohio, sponsors also include PNC Bank, Oswald Companies, Howard & O'Brien, Burton D. Morgan Foundation and Smart Business.

About ECHO Health, Inc.

ECHO Health, Inc. was founded in 1997 by William Davis, a healthcare payment visionary and pioneer with over 30 years industry experience. In cooperation with Chase Manhattan Bank and Tandem Computers, Mr. Davis developed a proprietary payment system for the healthcare industry. ECHO is now the country's leading provider of electronic payment solutions, serving over 75,000 companies, processing more than 50 million payment transactions and paying over \$10 billion annually. For more information please visit www.echohealthinc.com or call 440.835.3511, ext. 118.

About EY Entrepreneur Of The Year®

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