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### **GCMi's Michael Lehr named "Financial Services Champion of the Year"**

(Cincinnati, OH) – Michael Lehr, a business coach and loan officer with the Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative (GCMi), was named the Columbus District's "2010 Financial Services Champion of the Year" by the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA recognized Michael for his dedication and advocacy efforts aimed at helping small businesses flourish. Working exclusively with low- and moderate-income individuals, Michael aids entrepreneurs in obtaining financing and educates them on the importance of efficient accounting practices.

Michael will be honored at the SBA's Small Business Awards Dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup> at The Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City, Ohio. The dinner will recognize all district and regional award winners, and serve as a kick-off to National Small Business Week (May 23 – May 29).

GCMi is a nonprofit, micro-lending and small business support organization that promotes individual self-sufficiency and community economic development by supporting entrepreneurship among low- and moderate-income individuals. GCMi works in collaboration with the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency and the United Way of Greater Cincinnati to provide entrepreneurial training classes, business coaching, and assistance with securing small loans. GCMi also provides on-going assistance and mentoring once a business has been established.

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