

GTS COMMUNICATIONS WINS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE WEATHERHEAD 100 AWARD FOR FAST GROWTH

Strongsville, Ohio — GTS Communications, a specialist in business phones, fiber cabling, computer networking, and surveillance systems, has won its fourth Weatherhead 100 Upstart honor for outstanding growth.

The 2008 Weatherhead 100 program recognizes more than 100 of the fastest-growing companies in Northeast Ohio based on revenue growth from 2003 to 2007.

The Upstart category awards companies that in 2007 employed 15 or fewer and/or had less than \$1 million in net sales. These winners must also have a five-year sales growth average no less than the No. 100 company on the main Weatherhead list. GTS ranks No. 26 among Upstarts, recording last year 15 employees and net sales of more than \$1 million.

From 2003 to 2007, the company posted 119 percent sales growth and 150 percent employment growth. The 21st annual Weatherhead 100 is presented by Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management in partnership with COSE, the Council of Smaller Enterprises, and *Inside Business* magazine.



Kelli, Victoria and Jerry Stallard

Official honors were presented to winning companies at a black-tie dinner ceremony on Dec. 2 at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights.



Past awards for GTS include Ernst & Young's Northeast Ohio Entrepreneur of the Year (finalist), SBA's Cleveland Small Business of the Year, two NEO Success Awards, and COSE's inaugural Ten Under 10 honor.

About GTS Communications

GTS has been in business 12 years and is owned by Jerry and Victoria Stallard, who are president and vice president respectively. Located in Strongsville, Ohio, the family-owned company provides custom business telephone systems, fiber cabling, computer networking, and surveillance systems to organizations around the corner and across the country.

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