

# Watco Companies, Inc.

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## Watco team receives double honor

(Pittsburg, KS) The Watco team received a double honor on Friday evening, June 5, at the Annual Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce banquet. Dick Webb, the late founder of Watco, posthumously received the Spirit of Pittsburg award and Watco Companies received the Pittsburg Employer of the Year award.

The Spirit of Pittsburg award is bestowed annually to an individual who gives of their time and talent to make Pittsburg a better place to live.

“Dick touched thousands of lives,” said award presenter Stephen Wade, publisher of The Morning Sun. “His leadership, vision and generosity blessed so many. We were blessed to have Dick Webb in our community. He led a good life, and we were lucky to be touched by it.”

Kaye Lynne Webb accepted the award on behalf of her husband of over 50 years and said he would’ve been embarrassed by all the fuss.

“I know Dick is shaking his head somewhere saying, ‘I don’t know what I did to deserve this,’” she said.

Dick’s vision of taking care of his team so that they can take care of the Customers is the basis for Watco being awarded Pittsburg Employer of the Year. When accepting the award for Watco, Rick Webb, CEO, called for a round of applause for the Watco team members across the country who were out there working to take care of Customers needs.

“If it weren’t for hardworking people like that we wouldn’t be where we are today,” said Rick Webb.

Watco employs more than 172 people at the Customer Support Center and in the Pittsburg area and more than 2,000 people throughout the United States.

Watco Companies, Inc. (WCI) is a Pittsburg, KS., based transportation company serving rail, switching, mechanical, storage, trucking and transload/intermodal needs of Customers throughout the nation. WCI is the owner of Watco Transportation Services, Inc. (WTS), the largest privately-held short line railroad company in the U.S. operating 20 short lines on more than 3,500 miles of track. WCI also operates Greens Port Industrial Park located in the Houston, Texas, ship channel offering services such as warehousing, lay down storage, leasing of industrial property, access to deep water dock and barge, contract stevedoring, rail and truck transportation. More information about Watco and its subsidiaries can be found at [www.watcocompanies.com](http://www.watcocompanies.com).