

# Patrick Wallerius and CityGo

## Salina, Kansas



CityGo®

The Environmental Hall of Fame honored Patrick Wallerius in a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at the OCCK Transportation Building, 340 N. Santa Fe in Salina. Dennis Lauver, President of the Salina Chamber of Commerce, presented the award on behalf of the Chamber and the Hall of Fame.

### Patrick Wallerius

Mr. Wallerius, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Salina-based OCCK Inc., is the first Salina recipient of the Environmental Hall of Fame Award, which has been given to a wide range of environmentally conscious individuals, corporations, and organizations since it was established in 2008.



### CityGo Bus System

The award is for the role Mr. Wallerius has had in developing the CityGo® bus system for Salina and in light of the impact CityGo has had on energy use and sustainability in the Salina community.

### Environmental Hall of Fame

The Environmental Hall of Fame seeks to honor dedicated community leaders and business people who take a stand for a sustainable planet in cities and towns throughout the United States.

The goal of the Environmental Hall of Fame is to encourage communities to make a positive difference on energy and sustainability issues. The Iowa-based organization also assists those who want to sponsor city-oriented Green Guide booklets and photo galleries to commemorate green accomplishments by individuals and organizations that have earned the Hall of Fame awards.

Past honorees include actors Pierce Brosnan, Ed Begley, Jr. and Art Linkletter; Des Moines Mayor Franklin Cownie; Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley; Springfield, Mo. Mayor James O'Neal; Chesterfield Mo. Mayor John Nations; Columbia, Mo. Mayor Darwin Hindman; American Solar Energy Society (ASES) ; and American Wind Energy Association (AWEA).

### OCCK, Inc.

Founded in 1970, OCCK is a non-profit community service corporation dedicated to serving persons with disabilities in Salina, Abilene, Beloit, Concordia, and other Kansas communities.

To help establish the CityGo system, OCCK was awarded \$1.082 million in public transit funding by the Kansas Department of Transportation. This money was made available for economic stimulus through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and was used by OCCK Transportation Services to purchase light-transit buses and other transit equipment, and to renovate a transportation annex. OCCK operates the CityGo system in partnership with the City of Salina and the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Since CityGo's launch on December 1, 2008, OCCK has added a major new route along with numerous bus stops and revised scheduling to meet the needs of the Salina community. This fixed-route bus service welcomed its 100,000th rider before the end of its first year in operation.

OCCK has been recognized in Kansas and throughout the Midwest for its successes in providing education, skill training, employment services, assistive technology, case management, and independent-living and residential services. These services are available to people of any age and with varying physical and mental disabilities to assist them in their efforts to live independently and work within their communities.

OCCK Transportation Services include Paratransit on-demand service to qualified riders, Med-A-Van non-emergency medical transport, and daily intercity service between Belleville and Salina and between Ellsworth and Salina.

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