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### JACKSONVILLE•ONSLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville•Onslow Chamber of Commerce, along with First Citizens Bank and Duke Energy, named Brown Properties of North Carolina, Inc. the 2019 Small Business of the Year Friday morning.

Jeb and Shawn Brown were recognized for their hard work and successes during breakfast at Onslow Memorial Hospital as part of the closing for National Small Business Week celebrations in Jacksonville.

Jeb Brown said the three things driving his family’s real estate business are his team, customers and reputation. And reputation, he added plays a big part in what they do – with the company namesake coming from his own name.

“Our product is ourselves,” Brown said.

Scott Riggs, commercial banker for First Citizens Bank, presented Jeb and Shawn Brown with the award, and commended them for their work.

Brown Properties was nominated for the award by Beth Purcell, who wrote Jeb and Shawn Brown make a difference in the community by using their time, talents and compassion to make a positive impact.

She was especially moved by their dedication during the disaster and recovery of Hurricane Florence last fall.

“As property managers of more than 400 residential properties with Brown Properties, they worked tirelessly around the clock in the days and months after Hurricane Florence to meet the needs of employees, property owners and renters impacted by storm damages and relocations,” Purcell wrote. “They stayed in place during the storm, sending their two school-aged children to stay with relatives in Western North Carolina in order to focus on serving their property owners and renters.”

The Browns are not only dedicated to their business, but remain active as members of the Chamber of Commerce by supporting several events and serving on the Business Diversity Council, Jacksonville Onslow Leadership Council, Board of Directors and Small Business Council.

Jeb serves on the Onslow Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and is an active Rotarian. Shawn serves on the board of the Jacksonville Friends of the Library. The Browns have two children and are active supporters of the Parkwood and Northwoods Park PTA.

“In the office, in the field, or in the community, the owners of Brown Properties exhibit initiative, creativity, all with a positive attitude and a smile,” Purcell wrote.

Small Business Week is made possible by First Citizens’ Bank, Duke Energy, Under Construction Safety, Coastal Carolina Community College Small Business Center, Jacksonville Country Club and Onslow Memorial Hospital.

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