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HRT Solutions Receives National Recognition American Small Business Champion by SCORE

Pittsburgh, PA – May 30, 2018 Local business <u>HRT Solutions</u> has been named a winner of the 2018 American Small Business Championship by <u>SCORE</u>, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors. SCORE awarded this title to 102 entrepreneurs for their dedication to the success of their small businesses, awarding them an all-expense-paid trip to a training and networking event, SCORE mentoring and publicity throughout the year, and a chance to win one of three \$15,000 grand prizes, made possible with the support of Sam's Club.

HRT Solutions earned the title of **American Small Business Champion** by submitting an online application describing what makes its business one of the best small businesses in the community and describing how the prize will be used to grow the company. Seventy-three organizations were nominated from the state of Pennsylvania. Nominees were required to obtain votes for their business and those receiving 5,000 or more votes met the criteria of Public Support. HRT Solutions received over 52,000 votes.

HRT Solutions, a woman-owned company based in Pittsburgh, has seen significant growth in only two years of business. The staff has grown from four to twelve employees who have provided employment opportunities locally as well as in cities outside of Pennsylvania. HRT Solutions is proud that 25% of its team consists of stay-at-home moms who have returned to the workforce, and the organization has assisted in finding jobs for over 250 people in the past year. HRT Solutions is dedicated to getting the right person, in the right place, at the right time for clients.

"HRT Solutions is incredibly humbled by the opportunity to compete in the SCORE Small Business Championship," said Jessica Eberley, HRT Solutions president. "We are extremely grateful to our clients, family, and friends for voting for us. We appreciate them following us along on our growth journey and helping us become a Business Champion for the state of Pennsylvania. We are excited to continue in the competition as we compete against some of the best small businesses in the United States to win the national honor of Small Business Championship."

SCORE congratulates and celebrates these 102 American Small Business Champions, who represent some of the best small businesses in America," said SCORE CEO Ken Yancey. "We are proud to reward these passionate and hardworking entrepreneurs with business mentoring, publicity and additional

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networking and training opportunities, and we look forward to watching them utilize these tools to further grow their business success."

"Supporting entrepreneurs has been a part of who we are for nearly 35 years," said Tracey D. Brown, Senior Vice President of Operations and Chief Experience Officer at Sam's Club. "Many of our members own a small business and we appreciate having the opportunity to help them as they find creative solutions to problems they face on a day to day basis. The 102 winners celebrated through the American Small Business Championship are excellent examples of how innovation, persistence and knowing your customers can help an entrepreneur overcome obstacles and we congratulate them on their accomplishments."

HRT Solutions is also eligible to win one of three additional \$15,000 grand prizes, by being named Grand Champion. A judging panel of small business experts will select three Grand Champions from the group of small business champions this summer. Selection will be based on how effectively Champions utilize their prizes to grow business revenue or operations, as well as how effectively the winners promoted the Championship in the media and social media.

To learn more about The American Small Business Championship and to view the complete list of Champions, visit <u>www.championship.score.org</u>.

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About SCORE

Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 10 million aspiring entrepreneurs. Each year, SCORE's 10,000 volunteer business experts provide 450,000+ free small business mentoring sessions, workshops and educational services to clients in 300 chapters nationwide. In 2017, SCORE volunteers provided 3.6+ million hours to help create more than 54,000 small businesses and 116,000 full-time, part-time, owner and contractor jobs.

For more information about starting or operating a small business, visit SCORE at <u>www.score.org</u>. Follow @SCOREMentors on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> for the latest small business news and updates.

About HRT Solutions

Founded by Jessica Eberley in 2016, HRT Solutions' mission is to ensure that every organization we partner with has a laser focus on its organization's greatest asset: people. HRT Advisors work directly with your team to understand your mission, vision, and values. HRT Solutions makes your priorities our priorities.

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Through this partnership HRT Solutions customizes our service offerings to bridge gaps and develop solutions that are right for you. HRT Solutions service offerings include Recruiting Process Outsourcing, University Relations Outsourcing, and Human Resource Process Outsourcing. For more information about our HR services, visit us at <u>HRT Solutions</u>.

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Jessica Eberley (right), president of HRT Solutions receiving the award from Resa Kierstein (left) Vice President of Business Development of the SCORE Foundation.

> Jess accepts the American Small Business Champion certificate #BizChampion



