

Local Gymnastics Center To Receive \$20,000 Award For Community Contribution And Small-Business Excellence

- WHO:** Doug Springer, owner of Springers Gymnastics, The National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) and gymnasts and their families from Ellsworth and Hancock County.
- WHAT:** NASE will award Springers Gymnastics a \$20,000 gift in recognition of their excellent small-business practices and contribution to local youth, health and community development. Springers Gymnastics Center offers a variety of programs for youth ages 4-14 to learn, train and have fun.
- WHY:** The NASE Achievement Award follows a \$4,100 grant given to Springers Gymnastics in June 2009 – part of the more than \$450,000 in grants given by the NASE in response to members' needs to access capital. Springer used the original grant funds to purchase boys gymnastics equipment, reaching their goal of increasing enrollment in that demographic by 10% the first season it was available.
- WHERE:** Springers Gymnastics Center
266 Bucksport Road
Ellsworth, Maine
- WHEN: Thursday, June 24th**
5:00 p.m.
Award Presentation Ceremony & Team Practice Observation
High resolution photographs will be available after the event. E-mail
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About the NASE

The National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) is the nation's leading resource for the self-employed and micro-businesses, bringing a broad range of benefits to help entrepreneurs succeed and to drive the continued growth of this vital segment of the American economy. The NASE is a 501(c) (6) nonprofit organization and provides big-business advantages to hundreds of thousands of micro-businesses across the United States. The NASE has 200,000 members across the country, with 4,900 in Maine. For more information, visit the association's website at NASE.org.

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