



Chen of Crystal Windows honored for leadership and community impact

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Thomas Chen

Queens, NY The founder and chairman of national manufacturer Crystal Window & Door Systems, Thomas Chen, was honored by Schneps Media as one of its 2020 Kings of New York. The award recognizes top businessmen, civic leaders, and non-profit arena giants for their contributions in industry, politics, arts, culture, and religious work, as well as their impact on their communities.

“For 30 years, I have worked hard to expand Crystal Windows and make it a positive influence in New York and the nation,” said Chen. “Being named a King of New York by one of the largest media companies in the region is a delightful, unexpected surprise, and I am honored.”

Normally Schneps Media presents the Kings of New York Awards at a live gala celebration with hundreds in attendance. This year, due to the ongoing pandemic concerns, Kings of New York Awards were presented at extremely limited in-person gatherings with interviews of the honorees discussing their work and accomplishments. The Kings of New York Award presentations and taped interviews will be featured at a virtual webcast networking event on November 19th, along with keynote speakers and entertainment for online attendees.

Chen founded Crystal Windows in 1990 in a small commercial space, and now the company is listed as one of the Top 30 Window and Door Manufacturers in North America by leading industry publications. Crystal has five major production factories around the country and 750 employees. The company manufactures 500,000 commercial and residential windows and doors annually. Crystal products are installed in many notable buildings throughout the New York metro area and in over 40 states nationwide. Thomas Chen and the Crystal Windows success story have been featured on numerous business TV shows and in many leading business and industry publications including Wall Street Week, Crain’s New York Business, Fortune Magazine, Inc. Magazine, and The New York Times.

In addition to his business prowess, Chen is also recognized in New York for his charitable work and his devotion to educational and art initiatives. He has contributed tirelessly to many Queens and New York area non-profits and art institutions and has been honored by the Queens Museum, the Queensborough Community College Art Gallery, and the Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts.

