

## Chamber picks Vertex CEO as top exec

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**The Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry has honored software executive Jeff Westphal, CEO of Vertex Inc., with its CEO of the Year award.**

Vertex, the leading producer of state and local tax compliance software and research for corporations, is headquartered in Berwyn and employs more than 450 people. Since Westphal became CEO in 1996, taking over for his father and founder Ray Westphal, the company has more than tripled its revenues.

In the fall of 2001, Vertex was honored as the best place to work in Pennsylvania in 2001 through the state's "100 Best Places to Work in PA" program.

In addition, the Delaware Valley Child Care Council recognized Vertex as the "2001 Best Employer for Working Parents" among organizations with 250-2,000 employees. Vertex was selected by a panel of child advocates in recognition of family-oriented corporate programs that support their employees.

The Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry awards dinner was held Tuesday in The Red Clay Room in Kennett Square.