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IVCA's 2012 Awards Dinner Celebrates Industry Leaders

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Chicago - On December 3rd, 2012 IVCA hosted its Annual Awards Dinner that recognized leaders investing in private companies. IVCA was pleased to have Mayor Rahm Emanuel join the event and remind attendees that Chicago is on the upswing – leading the country in entrepreneurship and new job creation. Mayor Emanuel promised IVCA membership he would do his part – make difficult decisions to ensure strong governance and deliver a sound infrastructure that supports a future-focused economy. The Mayor encouraged our membership to focus on investing and building strong companies in Chicago.

The event's Master of Ceremonies was IVCA Vice-Chairman Lee Mitchell of Thoma Bravo who kicked off the event with sunglasses - Gangnam Style! IVCA Chairman Darren Snyder delivered a strong message to the assembled that our industry needs to engage in the public discourse- that if we do not "others will define our industry for us – and they generally get it wrong."

The following Awards were presented:

- Bon French, Adams Street Partners received The Stanley C. Golder Award
- Jim Johnson, Apex Venture Partners received The Richard J. Daley Award
- Jim TenBroek, Wind Point Partners received The IVCA Fellows Award

2 Companies were recognized for outstanding growth and return to investors:

- SurePayroll is 2012 Venture-backed Portfolio Company of the Year
- Flexera Software is 2012 Private Equity-backed Portfolio Company of the Year

We will have a complete summary of the evening including text of the speakers in the next newsletter. For now, click [here](#) for photos from the event.