The Cornerstone program recognizes companies that have achieved exceptional levels of growth. These companies are identified by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry and are categorized into several groups based on their size and growth rates. The program is designed to recognize companies that have achieved significant growth in the past year, and it is open to companies of all sizes.

Awards are given to companies in several categories, including:

- **Small Company of the Year**
- **Large Company of the Year**
- **Incubator Company of the Year**
- **Young Company of the Year**
- **Company of the Year**

The companies listed below are some of the recipients of the Cornerstone program:

- **Small Company of the Year**
  - J&J Suburban communities
  - The Metro Group
  - B&D Graphics

- **Large Company of the Year**
  - Daimler Trucks
  - SunTrust Bank
  - John Deere

- **Incubator Company of the Year**
  - The Incubator School
  - The Entrepreneur Center

- **Young Company of the Year**
  - Bluebird Pizza
  - The Big Easy

- **Company of the Year**
  - The Nashville Business Journal
  - The Tennessean

The Cornerstone program is a valuable resource for companies looking to grow and network with other successful businesses in the state. It provides companies with the opportunity to be recognized for their achievements and to connect with other successful businesses in the state.