

Kakao Chocolate has been deeply involved with Maplewood since opening its second location right along the Manchester strip. Since then, Kakao has been awarded RFT's 2010 "Best Chocolate" award, as well as dozens of great reviews from chocolate lovers all across the St. Louis area. Kakao has offered a number of special events by partnering with local businesses, including Schlafly and Vom Fass.

In addition to running a great business and providing a quality product and fantastic customer service, Kakao has taken steps to be involved in the Maplewood community. Owner Brian Pelletier has played an active roll in the Chamber of Commerce. Not only does he attend almost every Chamber event, he was quick to take the extra step of joining the marketing committee. Kakao's commitment goes beyond chamber involvement - Kakao has offered great community outreach by offering work to special needs children at the local "Giant Steps" school.

There are a lot of great businesses in Maplewood that commit to a high level of involvement. Our selection of Kakao as our nomination stems from how quickly after opening in Maplewood Kakao made the effort to maximize their involvement. We feel Brian and his staff have proven their commitment and dedication to our community. We're honored to work alongside businesses like Kakao in Maplewood.