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## Bell's Graham receives award, plans to retire as CEO

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Mark Graham, president and CEO of Bell Inc., is the winner of the 2009 Robert T. Gair Award for outstanding lifetime contributions to industry and community.

Graham accepted the award recently in Texas during a conference of the national paperboard packaging industry. The award is the highest given by the industry.

Graham also announced that he will retire as Bell's CEO in April 2010 and assume the role of chairman of the board. His son, Ben, will become CEO and his son-in-law, Ben Arndt, will become chief operating officer. The two have been running the business on a day-to-day basis for some time.

The company has grown from four employees and \$40,000 in revenue when Graham purchased it in 1976 to a \$60 million business today. It employs 225 people and is one of the 10 largest independent folding-carton companies in the country.

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