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Enterprising Women to Honor Women Entrepreneurs at Annual Celebration

Enterprising Women Magazine Announces 2006 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration

CARY, NC – Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women* magazine, has announced that the 2006 *Enterprising Women* of the Year Awards Celebration will be held at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, FL on Feb. 24-25. The two-day tribute is designed to honor women entrepreneurs who are recipients of the 2006 *Enterprising Women* of the Year Award. *Enterprising Women* will induct four women into the *Enterprising Women* Hall of Fame and present two Advocacy Awards to leaders of organizations that work in the interest of supporting women's entrepreneurship. The Walt Disney World Company is the premiere event sponsor, with UPS serving as a platinum event sponsor.

"The *Enterprising Women* of the Year Awards Celebration brings together the nation's finest women entrepreneurs to recognize their accomplishments and celebrate their outstanding achievements," Smiley said. "The awards recipients are influential, powerful women with high-growth businesses who are leaders in their communities and have given back to mentor other women entrepreneurs."

About *Enterprising Women* Magazine

Headquartered in Cary, NC, *Enterprising Women* magazine is the nation's only women-owned magazine published exclusively for women business owners that chronicles the growing political, economic and social influence and power of entrepreneurial women. The magazine provides a friendly meeting place, a public forum, and a national stage for the critical issues confronting women's businesses and daily lives from the unique perspectives and experiences of entrepreneurial women.

2006 *Enterprising Women* Honorees

The 2006 *Enterprising Women* Hall of Fame inductees include:

- **Janice Bryant Howroyd**, founder of the Act-1 Group, Torrance, CA, the largest woman-owned, minority-owned staffing company in the country, with offices in 75 cities and revenues of \$500 million.

- **Martha Mertz** of Sedona, AZ, an award-winning entrepreneur, visionary philanthropist, and founder of the Athena Award Program.
- **Judi Sheppard Missett**, founder of Jazzercise, Inc., Carlsbad, CA, a 36-year-old company with 6,300 franchises and instructors teaching 20,000 classes weekly in the U.S. and around the globe.
- **Gloria Herndon, PhD**, founder of GB Herndon, Washington, DC, one of the country's largest women-owned, minority-owned multi-line insurance brokerage firms. With a doctorate in international law and economics, Dr. Herndon has held U.S. Embassy commerce positions in Africa and Europe.

The winners of the **2006 *Enterprising Women Advocacy Award*** include:

- **Sandra Yancey**, founder and CEO of eWomenNetwork, Dallas, TX, the fastest growing membership-based women's business network in North America.
- **Amy Millman**, president of Springboard Enterprises, Washington, DC, an organization that has assisted hundreds of women-led high-growth enterprises raise over \$1 billion in investment capital in less than three years.

The winners of the **2006 *Enterprising Women of the Year Award*** include:

Over \$25 million in annual revenues category:

- **Roz Alford** and **Nancy Williams** of ASAP Staffing, LLC, Norcross, GA
- **Carmen Castillo** of SDI, International, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- **Katherine Henson** of Avail Workforce Management, Atlanta, GA
- **Diane Turton** of Diane Turton Realtors, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

Over \$10 million and up to \$25 million in annual revenues category:

- **Cassandra Sanford** of KellyMitchell, St. Louis, MO
- **Terri E. McNally** of Global Capital, Ltd., Grayslake, IL
- **Tana Greene** of Strataforce, Cornelius, NC
- **Clarice Kennedy** of Chamrock Computer Network, Inc., New York, NY
- **June R. Coldren** of Cenergy Corporation, New Orleans, LA

Over \$5 million and up to \$10 million in annual revenues category:

- **Linda Coughlin** of Metro-Home NYC LLC, New York, NY
- **Carole Sanderson** of Herschman Architects, Inc., Cleveland, OH
- **Johanna Hambrose** of Electronic Ink, Philadelphia, PA
- **Lana Calloway** of Exhibit Resources Inc., Raleigh, NC
- **Ananda Roberts** of NFocus, Phoenix, AZ
- **Lisa R. Gladstone** of Priority One Financial Services, St. Petersburg, FL

Over \$1 million and up to \$5 million in annual revenues category:

- **Janice Hamilton** of JMH Education, New York, NY
- **Mary Quigg** of Vandover, St. Louis, MO
- **Pamela Washington** of A-1 Janitorial Services, Las Vegas, NV

- **Donna Childs** of Childs Capital LLC, New York, NY
- **Amy Nichols** of Happy Tails Dog Spa, Tysons Corner, VA

Up to \$1 million in annual revenues category:

- **Rita N. Singh** of S&A Consulting Group LLC, Cleveland, OH
- **Sharon Watkins** of TSG Enterprises, Memphis, TN
- **Kathleen (Kate) Reddy** of McKinnon-Mulherin, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT
- **Laura Allen** of Vision Education & Media, New York, NY

The judges also selected 23 women entrepreneurs for honorable mention. The finalists for the 2006 *Enterprising Women* of the Year Award include:

- **Debbie Rieger** of A-TEK, Inc., Leesburg, VA;
- **Hannah Kain** of ALOM, Fremont, CA;
- **Adrienne Stone** of Total Woman Gym and Atmosphere Day Spa, Westlake Village, CA;
- **Manuela Marcheggiani** of Isomers Laboratories, Toronto, Ontario;
- **Kathy Durfee** of TechHouse, Sarasota, FL;
- **Norma Polcek** of Samco, Machesney Park, IL;
- **Diana Richards** of Vacuum Systems International, Inc., Cleveland, OH;
- **Rachel R. Hayden** of Hayden Consultants, Inc., Dallas, TX;
- **Debra J. Guzov** of Guzov Ofsink, LLC, New York, NY;
- **Kathryn G. Eshelman** of Grade A Notes & PatrioticJewelry.com, Columbus, OH;
- **Patricia Owen** of Faces DaySpa, Hilton Head Island, SC;
- **Maria Cristina de la Vega** of Professional Translating Services, Inc., Miami, FL;
- **Boni Lonnsburry** of In Touch Today, Broomfield, CO;
- **Shelly Sun** of BrightStar Healthcare and BrightStar Franchising, Chicago, IL;
- **Katheleene Derrig-Palumbo**, PhD, of My TherapyNet.com, Woodland Hills, CA;
- **Michele McGough** of solutions4networks, Pittsburgh, PA;
- **Cynthia Wilson** of Wilsonwest, Inc., San Francisco, CA.;
- **Terri Edelman** of The Edelman Group, New York, NY;
- **Laura Posey** of Dancing Elephants Achievement Group, Richmond, VA;
- **Eileen Unger** of Emergency Preparedness Partnerships, Hammonton, NJ;
- **Maryann Piazza** of Majestic Vending & Services, Inc., Staten Island, NY;
- **Cynthia McCoy** of Aunt Cynthia's Bed and Biscuit Inn, Loomis, CA; and
- **Patricia May** of Precision Language Services, Lakeville, MN.

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