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## ***Enterprising Women Magazine Announces its Class of 2012*** ***Prestigious Awards Program Recognizes Top Women Entrepreneurs***

**CARY, N.C.:** Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women* magazine ([www.enterprisingwomen.com](http://www.enterprisingwomen.com)), has announced the winners and finalists of the 2012 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, an annual tribute to top women entrepreneurs from North America and around the globe. The award honorees will be recognized during a celebratory event held Monday, March 12 and Tuesday, March 13 at the Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale, located at 1 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gala awards celebration.

In order to be recognized by *Enterprising Women*, award recipients must demonstrate that they have fast-growth businesses, mentor or actively support other women and girls involved in entrepreneurship, and stand out as leaders in their communities. Many of these women are also leaders in key organizations that support the growth of women's entrepreneurship.

Award winners were recognized in five categories: annual sales revenues of more than \$25 million; annual sales revenues of more than \$10 million and up to \$25 million; annual sales revenues of more than \$5 million and up to \$10 million; annual sales revenues of more than \$1 million and up to \$5 million; and annual sales revenues of up to \$1 million.

"The Enterprising Women of the Year Class of 2012 consists of women who have moved their companies forward and experienced revenue growth, even in a time of economic uncertainty," Smiley said. "This speaks highly to the honorees' motivation, dedication and knowledge of their respective industries. Each woman is highly involved in community service and leadership and has a track record of mentoring businesswomen and serving as a role model to young girls who would like to follow their example."

### **Winners in the "over \$25 million in annual sales revenues" category:**

- **Sheri S. Tackett**, Delta Energy LLC, Dublin, Ohio
- **Sue Bhatia**, Rose International, Inc., Chesterfield, Mo.
- **Marsha Serlin**, United Scrap Metal, Cicero, Ill.
- **Donna F. Cole**, Cole Chemical & Distributing, Inc., Houston, Texas
- **Rhonda Shear**, Shear Enterprises, LLC, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- **Rebecca Thomley**, PhD, Orion Associates, Golden Valley, Minn.
- **Alison Gutterman**, Jelmar LLC, Skokie, Ill.
- **Jeni Bogdan**, The Saxon Group, Inc., Suwanee, Ga.
- **Diane Chen, PhD**, Consumer Education Services Inc., Raleigh, N.C.
- **Ronit Molko**, Autism Spectrum Therapies, Culver City, Calif.
- **Manishi Sagar**, The Kinderville Group, Candiac, Quebec, Canada
- **Farida Gibbs**, Gibbs S3, Surrey, United Kingdom

**Winners in the “over \$10 million and up to \$25 million in annual sales revenues” category:**

- **Naomi Whittel**, [www.reserveage.com](http://www.reserveage.com), Gainesville, Fla.
- **Jacqueline A. Cleary**, Atlas Data Systems, Westfield, N.J.
- **JoAnne LaBounty**, Spartanburg Meat Processing Co., Inc., Spartanburg, S.C.
- **Shari Dingle Sandifer**, Avant Healthcare Professionals, Casselberry, Fla.
- **Lee Tkachuk**, Keystrokes Transcription Service, Inc., Yorkville, Ill.
- **Linda McGill Boasmond**, Cedar Concepts Corporation, Chicago, Ill.
- **Stacey Caron**, Spellbinders Paper Arts LLC, Phoenix, Ariz.
- **Grace L. Keenan, MD**, Nova Medical & Urgent Care Center, Inc., Ashburn, Va.
- **Monique Maissan**, Vision Textiles Import & Export Co., Shanghai, China
- **Rita Shah**, Shabra Plastics/Recycling Ltd., County Monaghan, Ireland
- **Kristen Mauger Allison**, Burnham Benefits Insurance Services, Inc., Irvine, Calif.

**Winners in the “over \$5 million and up to \$10 million in annual sales revenues” category:**

- **Elise S. Mitchell**, Mitchell Communications Group, Inc., Fayetteville, Ark.
- **Buket Durmus**, Section Turizm A.S., Istanbul, Turkey
- **Donna Preiss**, The Preiss Company, Raleigh, N.C.
- **Mary Parker**, ALL(n)1 Security Services Inc., Atlanta, Ga.
- **Carolyn V. Merek**, eMentum, Inc., Milton, Del.
- **Freda Deskin, PhD**, ASTEC, Inc., Oklahoma City, Okla.
- **Sarah Steel**, The Old Station Nursery Group, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom
- **Deborah Todd**, State Contracting, Wake Forest, N.C.
- **Jill Marcus**, Something Classic Catering & Cafes, Inc., Charlotte, N.C.

**Winners in the “over \$1 million and up to \$5 million in annual sales revenues” category:**

- **Sandi Webster and Peggy McHale**, Consultants 2 Go, LLC, Newark, N.J.
- **Marlene Kelly**, Exhibits South, Suwanee, Ga.
- **Barbara Ross-Denroche**, The Refinery Leadership Partners Inc., Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- **Karen Barbour**, The Barbour Group, Westminster, Md.
- **Lizette Smook**, Innovasians Ltd., Sheung Wan, Hong Kong
- **Mary Harrell-Paul**, Crown Cars & Limousines, Des Plaines, Ill.
- **Elizabeth Perelstein**, School Choice International, White Plains, N.Y.
- **Jennifer Nevins**, DW Smith Associates, LLC, Farmingdale, N.J.
- **Anna Walz**, Medisys Health Communications, High Bridge, N.J.
- **Sharon A. Davison, PhD**, Red Sky Blue Water LLC, Seattle, Wash.
- **Marcy L. Street, MD**, Doctor’s Approach Dermatology, East Lansing, Mich.
- **Betsy Weaver**, TPR Media, Jamaica Plain, Mass.
- **Jill Vitiello**, Vitiello Communications Group, Iselin, N.J.
- **Julie Savitt**, AMS Earth Movers, Inc., Lake Bluff, Ill.
- **Sequoia Ramsey**, Realistic Computing, Inc., Baltimore, Md.
- **Jennifer Pinck**, Pinck & Co., Inc., Boston, Mass.
- **Barbara Hutchinson, MD, PhD**, Chesapeake Cardiac Care PA, Annapolis, Md.

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- **Sharon Rowe**, Eco-Bags Products, Inc., Ossining, N.Y.
- **Traci Williams**, Crescent Construction Services LLC, Salisbury, N.C.
- **Wendy Kaufman**, Balancing Life's Issues, Inc., Ossining, N.Y.
- **Alison Chung**, TeamWerks, Chicago, Ill.
- **Grace Lopez-Williams**, Grace Williams CPA PC, Norcross, Ga.
- **Desirée Patno**, Desirée Patno Enterprises, Inc., Irvine, Calif.
- **JocCole Burton**, Woodline Solutions of North America, Atlanta, Ga.

**Winners in the “up to \$1 million in annual sales revenues” category:**

- **Christina Cook**, DC2 Holdings, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Nana Luz**, Softype, Inc., Palo Alto, Calif. and Mumbai, India
- **Giselle Rufer-Delance**, DELANCE Inc., Magglingen/Macolin, Switzerland
- **Romy Taormina**, Psi Bands, Pacific Grove, Calif.
- **Kittie W. Watson**, Innolect, Inc., Tega Cay, S.C.
- **Teri Sciamarelli**, Case Remodeling, Ocean, N.J.
- **Elizabeth Beskin**, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Digital, New York, N.Y.
- **Angela Dingle**, Ex Nihilo Management, LLC, Washington, D.C.
- **Denise E. Farris**, Farris Law Firm LLC, Kansas City, Mo.
- **Joyce Siler**, Joyce's Specialties, Durham, N.C.

**2012 Enterprising Women of the Year Award finalists** (listed by annual sales revenues level):

- **Tarana Nina Gupta**, Greenlite Lighting Corporation, Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada
- **Clie Wintzen**, Ex'pression College, Emeryville, Calif.
- **Linda Gross**, Advice, Inc., Sarasota, Fla.
- **Kathleen Perkal**, Cartoon Cuts, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- **Amira Nehmeh**, Neeme Systems Solutions, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz.
- **Peggy Gionta**, Partner's Consulting, Inc., Havertown, Pa.
- **Josie Umoh**, Apex Engineered Solutions, Addison, Texas
- **Pat Drake**, Fidelity On Call, Ltd., Peoria, Ill.
- **Kathy Dawson**, Dawson & Dawson Inc., Mission Viejo, Calif.
- **Donna Eby**, Sanger & Eby, Cincinnati, Ohio
- **Carol White**, HAMCO Atlanta, Chamblee, Ga.
- **Gina Merritt**, Northern Real Estate Urban Ventures, LLC, Washington, D.C.
- **Elizabeth Colon**, Metaphrasis LCS, Frankfort, Ill.
- **Adie Horowitz**, Licenders, New York, N.Y.
- **Patricia Ulrich**, Cable Networks, Manassas, Va.
- **Maryann Donovan**, Impact Personnel, Inc., Norwalk, Conn.
- **Juli Erhart-Graves**, Worley Erhart-Graves Financial Advisors, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.
- **Lisa Morris**, Road Concierge Inc., New York, N.Y.
- **Kearn Cherry**, PRN Home Care, Biloxi, Miss.
- **Ronel Jordaan**, Ronel Jordaan Textiles, Randburg, South Africa
- **Jodi Pliszka**, Pliszka's Adventures LLC/Headline It!, Muskego, Wis.
- **Sridevi Raghavan**, Amelio Child Care Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, India

- **Suzanne Doyle-Morris, PhD**, Female Breadwinners, Pittenweem, Scotland
  - **Eileen Brown**, Amastra Ltd., Essex, United Kingdom
  - **Susan Heaton Wright**, Viva Live Music, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom
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## **About the 2012 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration:**

The annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, which recognize the finest women entrepreneurs in North America and beyond, is widely considered one of the most prestigious recognition programs for women business owners. Nominees are judged based upon: 1) the revenue growth of their company; 2) the leadership they have exhibited in their local communities and/or at the state, national or international levels; and 3) the ways in which they have given back to the women's business community by mentoring or supporting other women in business.

The annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration offers unparalleled networking opportunities for women business thought leaders and women entrepreneurs. The 2012 event will bring together dynamic women business owners from North America and around the world for two days of workshops, networking, exhibits, and awards in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The celebration will shine the spotlight on the 2012 Enterprising Women of the Year Award winners and finalists, with awards presentations at the March 13 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Gala Dinner.

The two-day gathering is open to winners of the Enterprising Women of the Year Award, corporate supporters, members of the *Enterprising Women* Advisory Board, VIPs in the women's business community, readers of *Enterprising Women* magazine, and members of the many partner organizations affiliated with *Enterprising Women* magazine.

The event will include the Enterprising Women 2012 Connect, Grow & Inspire Workshops for emerging women entrepreneurs, seasoned women entrepreneurs, and global women entrepreneurs, as well as Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) Match-Making Sessions coordinated by the Women's Business Development Center - Chicago (WBDC) and hosted by Office Depot at its corporate headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

Partner organizations represented on the *Enterprising Women* Advisory Board and supporting the 2012 Awards event include:

- Women Presidents' Organization (WPO)
- Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP)
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)
- Institute for Economic Empowerment of Women (IEEW)
- Center for Women's Business Research (CWBR)
- Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)
- Quantum Leaps
- Springboard Enterprises
- UnitedSucces
- America-China Business Women's Alliance (ACBWA)

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- Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBEC)/ Women Entrepreneurs Inc. (WE)
- Count Me In for Women's Economic Independence (Make Mine a Million \$ Business)
- Women's Leadership Exchange (WLE)
- Asian Women in Business (AWIB)
- eWomenNetwork (EWN)
- Association of Women's Business Centers (AWBC)
- National Association of Women REO Brokerages (NAWRB)

For more information or to register to attend the 2012 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards celebration, visit [www.enterprisingwomen.com/EWofYearAwards.htm](http://www.enterprisingwomen.com/EWofYearAwards.htm).

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**About *Enterprising Women* Magazine:**

*Enterprising Women*, with headquarters in Cary, N.C., 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 an international stage for the critical issues confronting women's businesses and daily lives from the unique perspectives and experiences of entrepreneurial women. Published in both print and digital editions, the magazine's digital edition reaches more than 200,000 readers in 50 countries. For more information, visit [www.enterprisingwomen.com](http://www.enterprisingwomen.com) or call (919) 362-1551.

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