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Postal Service Celebrates 11th Women's Event Fifteen Metro Milwaukee Women to be Recognized

Event:

The 11th "Women Putting Their Stamp on Metro Milwaukee" Awards Luncheon

When:

Friday, March 20, 2009 – Exhibitors/Vendors at 10:30am-2:30pm
Awards Luncheon at 11:30a.m.

Where:

The Italian Conference Center, 631 E. Chicago Street, Milwaukee

Who:

Speakers and Special Guests to include:
Keynote Speaker Janine Geske, Professor, Marquette University Law School
David Martin, Lakeland District Manager, USPS

What:

The United States Postal Service will celebrate Women's History Month by paying tribute to 15 women from the Metro Milwaukee Area with outstanding achievements in the following fields: **Abilities Awareness** – Karin Gratz, Community Connections Consulting; **Arts or Entertainment** – Adekola Adedapo, Lloyd Street Elementary School; **Business** – Pat Kandziora, M&I Bank; **Diversity Champion** – Danae Davis, Pearls for Teen Girls; **Education** – Dora Acosta, Bruce Guadalupe Community School; **Government Service or Law** – Beth Bishop Perrigo, Milwaukee County Circuit Courts; **Growing Leadership** – Paulina de Haan, Marquette Law School; **Health or Social Services** – Sr. Lucina Halbur, Retired - SET Ministry; **Humanitarianism** – Sr. Mary Jo Kahl, SET Ministry; **Media** – Katrina Cravy, WITI FOX 6/Contact 6; **Postal Service** – Faith Mondry, Postal Inspection Service, Ann Seitz, Waterford City Carrier; **Sports** – Mary Blandino, Retired from West Allis Hale High School; **Volunteerism** – Kristin Hansen, Arts Alliance; and **Youth Achievement** – Lauren Jahn, Children's Hospital Dermatology Clinic.

Background:

Eleven years ago, the Postal Service had a vision that became reality as they requested nominations submitted from the community for women who have made a positive impact on their community. The event was held in conjunction with Women's History Month to recognize these individuals, and became a huge success for both the Postal Service as well as Metro Milwaukee communities. Previous recipients of the "Women Putting their Stamp on Metro Milwaukee" Award take on the responsibility of selecting the newest honorees from the submitted nominations. In 2009, 15 women will be honored, bringing the total number of honorees, past and present, to an impressive 236.

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