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NAWBO Hosts Annual Luncheon Dedicated to Members' Achievements and Sustainability

Chicago, Ill. – April, 2009 – The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) in Chicago will highlight their members' successes and triumphs despite current economic conditions during the Annual Celebration of Achievement Luncheon taking place on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. CT at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Avenue.

The event will feature ABC's 20/20 Elizabeth Vargas as the keynote speaker, who will share the story of her inspiring career successes with a group of women business owners who continue to persevere under tough economic times. An Emmy award-winning journalist, Vargas has previously worked at NBC's Today Show, Dateline NBC, ABC's Good Morning America and ABC's World News Tonight in addition to time spent at local affiliates. In 1999, Vargas won an Emmy for her coverage of the Elian Gonzalez story, and was nominated in 1998 for her 20/20 investigation into the wrongful conviction of Betty Tyson.

NAWBO has developed educational and growth programs to ensure its members' success both personally and professionally and the organization's ongoing network of support continuously helps its members to sustain in a weak economy. Sustainability for individuals and businesses in the country's current financial state is not an easy task, but NAWBO's support programs facilitate the continued growth and success of its members.

At the luncheon, NAWBO will recognize the Woman Business Owner of the Year, Member of the Year and Corporate Women of Achievement Awards. The chosen women are prime examples of how NAWBO is focused on sustainability for its members and for women everywhere, and show that success is possible with hard work and dedication, regardless of the circumstances at hand.

The 2009 selected winners are:

Business Owner of the Year:

Jane Morgan, CEO 411 Solutions International

Member of the Year:

Cathie Van Wert, President, DoubleTake Design

Corporate Partner Women of Achievement:

Elizabeth Rossdeutscher, *Bank Financial*
Yolanda King, *Husch Blackwell Sanders Welsh & Katz*
Jennifer Schlott, *Harris Bank*
Peggy Hanlon, *Gourmet Kitchens, Inc.*
Jennifer J. Johnson, *Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney & Priess, LLP*
Jamie Maciolek, *Guy Viti Insurance*
Christina V. Rother, *CDW*
Wendi E. Sloane, *Barack, Ferrazzano, Krischbaum & Nagelberg, LLP*
Kim Dai, *National City*
Kathleen Bishop, *Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, State of Illinois*
Doranita Malcom, *American Family Insurance*

“NAWBO is proud to support its members through this rough period and recognize those who have achieved the seemingly impossible,” said Angelika Coghlan, president of NAWBO Chicago Area Chapter. “We strive to provide our members with the necessary tools to deliver outstanding results for their businesses and learn from one another’s achievements.”

Featuring a silent auction, raffle prizes, a Chocolate Hour post-luncheon reception and networking opportunities, the Annual Celebration of Achievement Luncheon is not an event to be missed. Raffle prizes include two (2) round-trip American Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental United States, various gift certificates, a Mary Kay Spa Basket and more. Raffle tickets are priced at \$10 each or three for \$25.

Tickets for the event are \$80 each or \$700 for a table of 10 people. Tickets are available at www.NAWBOChicago.org or by calling NAWBO Chicago at 312-609-1300.

About the National Association of Women Business Owners--Chicago Area Chapter:

Founded in 1978, the National Association of Women Business Owners--Chicago Area Chapter is dedicated to propelling women entrepreneurs into economic, social, and political spheres of power. With more than 600 members, the chapter is one of the largest National Association of Women Business Owners groups in the country.

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