



The Women's Center Celebrates 35th Anniversary Event

Federal IT Executives Lead Planning Efforts; Local Companies Sign on to Underwrite the November 6th Benefit

Vienna, VA, September 30, 2009 – The Women's Center will celebrate its 35th anniversary with many of the federal IT community's most powerful members. The anniversary celebration will take place November 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gannett Corporate Headquarters in McLean, Va.

For 35 years, The Women's Center has paved the way for women, children and their families on their journey to insight, education and independence. Honorary Chair Kay Kapoor, Lockheed Martin; and Vice Chairs Sally Turner, CGI and Carla Bousquin Davies are leading the planning committee, comprised of industry and government executives. The anniversary benefit will celebrate the Center's ongoing commitment to the community and help secure the additional resources necessary for the Center to continue serving the community.

"The Women's Center provides a critical safety net for our families and communities," said Kay Kapoor, vice president, Lockheed Martin Washington Operations and Benefit chair. "Over the years, the Center has provided thousands of hours of service to just as many clients. Whether it's family, friends, employees or co-workers, we all know individuals who can benefit from The Women's Center's counseling, career, financial and education programs. I see the anniversary event as an opportunity for all of us to leverage our networks and give back to the community by helping fuel an organization that is truly impacting the daily lives of so many."

The challenges related to mental health problems extend beyond the individual and can adversely impact the productivity of the enterprise. In fact, a new study funded by the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) found that major mental disorders cost the nation at least \$193 billion annually in lost earnings alone. Organizations are increasingly realizing the business benefit of investing in the mental health of their employees, especially in this time of compounded stress.

"The Women's Center is honored that so many industry and government executives share our passion and are leading the efforts to celebrate our 35th anniversary," said Vicki Kirkbride, executive director, The Women's Center. "Corporations are increasingly recognizing the importance of providing mental health services in the community – and we need their continued support to provide these crucial services. In 2008 alone The Women's Center provided 36,000 hours of direct client service. Of the total service hours, 26 percent (9,450 hours) were provided to 1,600 clients for free or reduced-fee. Your support helps us to continue providing these essential services."

The 35th anniversary planning committee would like to thank the corporate sponsors who are underwriting the benefit gala and helping The Women's Center continue to serve the community for another 35 years.

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The committee is supported by an Advisory Committee and Honorary Committee, which are made up of the following individuals.

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For more information on the 35th Anniversary Benefit event or to purchase an individual ticket, visit www.thewomenscenter.org.

The Women's Center

In 1974, The Women's Center broke new ground by venturing into a unique endeavor – one that focused on having a place for women with career counseling and workshops. Joan Alden Parks and Peggy Lockhart called it the *Northern Virginia Information and Career Counseling Center for Women*. As time went by, the Center evolved and created a very special niche for itself within the Northern Virginia and DC community. It became the resource that everyone knew about—a resource dedicated to addressing the diverse needs of women and families through financial, legal, career; psychological and domestic violence services as well as a wide variety of education programs — all on an ability to pay basis.

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