

# ***Enterprising Women Magazine Announces its Class of 2011***

## **Prestigious Awards Program Recognizes Top Women Entrepreneurs**

**CARY, NC:** Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women* magazine (www.enterprisingwomen.com), has announced the winners and finalists of the 2011 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, the magazine's ninth annual tribute to top women business owners in North America and around the globe. The 2011 award honorees will be recognized during a celebratory event held Thursday, March 10, and Friday, March 11, at the Boca Raton Resort in Boca Raton, FL.

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 the recipients are leaders in key organizations that support the growth of women's entrepreneurship. Winners are 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.

Smiley called the 2011 Enterprising Women of the Year Class "an amazing group of women." "Nearly every company represented on this list had significantly increased its revenues in the past year, despite the economic downturn," she explained. "Many had huge increases in revenues — double, or even quadruple, increases. Each winner also demonstrated a track record of community leadership and the important component of mentoring other women in business or being role models for girls who aspire to be entrepreneurs."

### **2011 Enterprising Women of the Year Award winners by revenue category:**

#### **Over \$25 million in annual revenues:**

- **Sue Burnett**, Burnett Staffing Specialists, Houston, TX
- **Dee Robinson Reid**, Robinson Hill Hospitality Group, Inc., Chicago, IL
- **Madhu Beriwal**, IEM Inc., Research Triangle Park, NC
- **Brenda Stallings**, Matrix Integration, Jasper, IN
- **Connie Hahn**, Traveline Travel, Columbus, OH

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

- **Angela Drummond-Rodgers**, SiloSmashers, Fairfax, VA
- **Mindy T. Withrow**, CSS Distribution Group, Inc., Louisville, KY
- **Rona Borre**, Instant Technology, Chicago, IL
- **Vicki Pohlman**, PohlmanUSA Court Reporting, St. Louis, MO
- **Farah B. Majidzadeh**, Resource International Inc., Columbus, OH
- **Gloria Rajkumar**, SIMAC Canada Inc., Richmond Hill, ON, Canada
- **Martha D. Moore**, McCormick Asphalt Paving and Excavating, Inc., Ozark, AR
- **Susan Johnson**, Susan's Healthy Gourmet, Irvine, CA

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

- **Dr. Karen Eng**, CSMI, Schaumburg, IL
- **Patricia E. Adams**, Zeitgeist Expressions, Inc., San Antonio, TX
- **Shelby Johnson**, Theodore Williams Construction Company, LLC, New York, NY

- **Amy Engelsman**, Proos Manufacturing, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI
- **Kalpana Patel**, Unique Comp Inc., Long Island City, NY
- **Avis Yates Rivers**, Technology Concepts Group Int'l, LLC, Somerset, NJ
- **Lori Jenks**, Combustion Parts, Inc., San Diego, CA
- **Kathy Albarado**, Helios HR, Reston, VA
- **Angela Cortright**, Spa Gregorie's Day Spa and Salon, Newport Beach, CA
- **Joanne D. F. Santomauro**, ISG Office Concepts, Inc., North Wales, PA
- **Colleen Molter**, QED National, New York, NY
- **Jennifer Scully**, Clinical Resources, LLC, Atlanta, GA

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

- **Denise Peoples**, Peoples Choice Staffing, Inc., Corona, CA
- **Lisa Feierstein**, Active Healthcare, Raleigh, NC
- **Kim Sawyer**, The Locator Services Group Ltd., Boston, MA
- **Ann Hanna**, Structurewerks, Brookfield, WI
- **Avis Yates Rivers**, Technology Concepts Group Int'l, LLC, Somerset, NJ
- **Caren Schweitzer**, Creative Resources, Hopkins, MN
- **Lisa Anderson**, DeAnder Associates, LLC, Greenbelt, MD
- **Ashley McNeff**, United States Homeland Investigations, Inc., Alexandria, VA
- **Janet Ward Black**, Ward Black, PA, Greensboro, NC
- **Sherrie Aycock and Tara Olson**, AllPoints Research, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC
- **Julie Kampf**, JBK Associates, Inc., Englewood, NJ
- **Kristi Atkins**, a|i|m Marketing Solutions, Atlanta, GA
- **Kelly Aaron**, EverLights, Chicago, IL
- **Gayle Waldron**, The Management Edge, Largo, FL

**Up to \$1 million in annual revenues:**

- **Mary Cantando**, WomanBusinessOwner.com, Raleigh, NC
- **Pat Wirth**, Potomac Falls Express Lube & Car Wash, Potomac Falls, VA
- **Kathleen Watts**, The Brandmarket, Inc., Newport Beach, CA
- **Karen Friedman**, Karen Friedman Enterprises, Inc., Blue Bell, PA
- **Diana Kander**, Kander & Rigby, LLC, Kansas City, MO
- **Pat Lottier**, Atlanta Tribune, Roswell, GA
- **Sherry Green**, Technology Team, LLC, Forth Worth, TX
- **Beverly Morton Billand**, The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm, Lovettsville, VA
- **Judith Moore**, Charleston Cookie Company, LLC, Charleston, SC
- **Fabi Preslar**, SPARK Publications, Matthews, NC
- **Leslie Atkins**, LA Communications, LLC, Baltimore, MD
- **Marion Hook**, Adobe Rose Inn and ARI Foods, LLC, Tucson, AZ

**2011 Enterprising Women of the Year Award finalists (by annual sales revenue level):**

- **Kimberly Murphy**, T&L C-Stores, Inc., Trenton, ME
- **Linda Sullivan**, NEMT, Woolwich, ME
- **Kristen Harris and Catherine Lang-Cline**, Portfolio Creative, Columbus, OH
- **Cloud**, Red Cloud, LLC, Los Angeles, CA
- **Heidi Kallett**, The Dandelion Patch, Vienna, VA
- **Dana Rambow**, AristoCare Home Health Services, Tucson, AZ
- **Barbara W. Allen**, Multipoint Communications, Inc., Birmingham, AL
- **Sharon Davison**, Red Sky Blue Water, LLC, Seattle, WA

- **Elizabeth Kiehner**, Thornberg & Forester, New York, NY
- **Fabienne Fredrickson**, Client Attraction, LLC, Stamford, CT
- **Stephanie Isaacson**, New Horizon Enterprises, LLC, Kansas City, MO
- **Cindy Raffio**, Metro Caulking & Waterproofing, Pompano Beach, FL
- **Jenny Vance**, LeadJen, Indianapolis, IN
- **Linda Gross**, Advice, Inc., Sarasota, FL
- **Kendall Summerhawk**, Heart of Success, Inc., Tucson, AZ
- **Paige Hall**, AboutFace, Atlanta, GA
- **Savannah-Brooklyn Ross**, Rich Mom Enterprises, Inc., Chatham, ON, Canada
- **Mary Nittolo**, Mary Nittolo Inc., New York, NY
- **Kimberly Brown**, Amethyst Technologies, LLC, Baltimore, MD
- **Rhea Lana Riner**, Rhea Lana's Children's Consignment Events, Conway, AR
- **Elizabeth Colon**, Metaphrasis Language & Cultural Solutions, Frankfort, IL
- **Linda G. Cromwell**, Being There Senior Care, LLC, Catonsville, MD
- **Sara Abramowicz**, Environmental Analysis Inc., Chicago, IL
- **Kimberly Fulcher**, Compass, Inc., San Jose, CA
- **Jan Hill**, Eden Salon & Spa LLC, Oklahoma City, OK
- **Sooji Rugh, MD**, Greenlite Medicine, Mountain View, CA
- **Michele DeKinder-Smith**, Linkage Research & Consulting, Inc., New Port Richey, FL
- **Rennu Dhillon**, Genius Kids, Fremont, CA
- **Sequoia Ramsey**, Realistic Computing Inc., Baltimore, MD
- **Carrie Carter**, Disc, Inc., Houston, TX
- **Maureen L. Mulvihill, PhD**, Piezo Resonance Innovations, Inc., Bellefonte, PA
- **Liza Ghausi**, Mutaharek Construction Company, Jalalabad City, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan
- **Teri Sciamarelli**, Case Remodeling, Ocean, NJ
- **Kate Wright**, Bloom'n Gardens Landscape, LLC, Mableton, GA
- **Patty Kay Mooney**, Crystal Pyramid Inc., San Diego, CA
- **Tina Johnson**, Johnson Promotions & Events, Leesburg, VA
- **Miriam Boudreaux**, Mireaux Management Solutions, Houston, TX
- **Meta L. Cadigan**, CertaPro Painters of Columbia, Columbia, MD
- **Cheryl Hudson**, Ntouch Communications Group, Southfield, MI
- **Lucia Matthews**, DIALOGO, La Jolla, CA
- **Michelle Rich Goode**, Rich Commercial Realty, Raleigh, NC
- **Lynn Pechinski**, 1st Straw Marketing & Promotions, Medford, NJ
- **Brigitta S. Toruno**, UNO Communications, Lansdowne, VA
- **Sheri Taber**, The Peak Performance Group Inc., Tampa, FL
- **Jean Stafford**, Executive Coaching for Women, Inc., McLean, VA
- **Judy Bradt**, Summit Insight, Alexandria, VA
- **Carolyn West-Price Touhey**, Two Eagles Enterprises, Union Bay, BC, Canada

“This was the strongest list of finalists in the nine-year history of this awards program,” Smiley said. “During the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, these women continued to find ways to grow their businesses and give back to others. I could not be more proud to recognize these very deserving women and shine the spotlight on their accomplishments.”

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**About the 2011 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration:**

The 2011 event will bring together dynamic women business owners from North America and around the world for two days of workshops, networking, exhibits, and awards. For the first time, the event will be open to emerging women entrepreneurs who want to learn from — and connect with — members of the *Enterprising Women* Advisory Board and award winners from throughout the United States and around the world.

The 2011 *Enterprising Women* “Connect, Inspire & Grow” workshops will be geared to three levels of experience and expertise: Emerging Women Entrepreneurs, Seasoned Women Entrepreneurs, and Global Women Entrepreneurs. Through a partnership with the America-China Business Women’s Alliance, a delegation of women business owners from China will attend the event and participate in the workshops.

Partner organizations represented on the *Enterprising Women* Advisory Board and supporting the event include: the Women Presidents’ Organization (WPO); Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP); the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC); the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO); the Institute for Economic Empowerment of Women (IEEW); the Center for Women’s Business Research (CWBR); Quantum Leaps; America-China Business Women’s Alliance (ACBWA); 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); and eWomenNetwork (EWN).

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### **About *Enterprising Women* Magazine:**

*Enterprising Women*, with headquarters in Cary, NC, 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.

It 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. Written by enterprising women for enterprising women, the magazine is widely known as the voice of women entrepreneurs — women who dare to think big, make the leap, and follow their dreams.

The print edition of *Enterprising Women* magazine celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2010; the online digital edition was launched in 2008 and reaches more than 200,000 women entrepreneurs in 48 countries around the globe.

For more information about *Enterprising Women* magazine, phone the editorial and advertising offices at 919-362-1551 or visit [www.enterprisingwomen.com](http://www.enterprisingwomen.com).