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### 2008 Heroines in Technology Awards Presented by Women in Technology and March of Dimes

Evening Raises \$198,000 to Support March of Dimes

ALEXANDRIA, Va., November 14, 2008 - Women in Technology (WIT) and the March of Dimes announced the recipients of the 2008 Heroines in Technology Awards on Friday, November 14, 2008, at a black-tie gala event that raised \$198,000 to support the March of Dimes.

Mistress of Ceremonies Lesli Foster of WUSA9 News Now joined Women in Technology president **Sue Liblong** and Heroines in Technology co-chairs **Sandy Searce**, manager of business development at Grant Thornton, and **Gayle Sweeney**, principal at North Highland, in presenting the awards at the eighth annual gala held at the Hyatt Regency Reston in Reston, Va.

The Heroines in Technology awards honor local women who balance demanding roles in the fast-paced technology sector with significant commitments to community service. The event included a cocktail reception, dinner, live band, and live and silent auctions. Proceeds from the event support local March of Dimes programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to reduce the occurrence of birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

"Each year, we are amazed by the accomplishments of the women honored at Heroines in Technology," said Liblong, who is also vice president of Binary Group. "We are also pleased to be able to support the March of Dimes with the generous contributions of the supporters of this event."

The 2008 Individual Heroines in Technology Awards were awarded to the

following:

- **Robin Gardner**, strategic account manager, GTSI
- **Susan Kearney**, executive vice president, SmithGifford
- **Lisa Moss**, senior photo editor, AOL

The Corporate Heroines in Technology award went to **Barbara Mullenex**, partner, OPX.

The 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award went to **Elizabeth Lewis**, partner, Cooley Godward Kronish.

#### 2008 Heroines in Technology

The 2008 finalists who joined in the celebration included **Kimberly Hancher**, CIO, EEOC; **Cynthia Hilsinger**, data asset manager, U.S. Air Force; **Lisa Kimball**, vice president, DMDC operations, Telos Identity Management Solutions, LLC; **Leeanne McDonald**, information systems security officer, Lockheed Martin; **Connie Theroux**, director of strategy and competitive intelligence, EDS; and **Patty Weaver**, chief administrative officer, Alion Science and Technology.

“Women in Technology is a not-for-profit networking and professional development powerhouse in the Washington technology community,” said Liblong. “We are a volunteer-run organization, driven by accomplished, dedicated professionals for whom service and giving are second nature. Demonstrating our continued commitment to giving back to the community, I am pleased to announce that with the completion of the eighth annual Heroines in Technology event we have now raised more than \$1,000,000 in support of the March of Dimes.”

The presenting technology sponsor was SAIC. Additional sponsors included Freddie Mac, Jones Lang LaSalle, Lockheed Martin, SiloSmashers, Unisys and Verizon Wireless. Media partners included Federal News Radio, Washington Life magazine, The Washington Examiner, Washington Smart CEO magazine and 1105 Media. Video production was provided by Worker Bee Creative and IDI Multimedia.

For more information on the event, including opportunities for sponsorship for the 2009 Heroines in Technology event, contact Tina Solomita at (703) 824-0111, ext. 20.

#### About Women in Technology

Women in Technology (WIT) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to offering

women involved in all levels of the technology industry a wide range of professional development and networking opportunities. One of the organization's main goals is to create a forum where women in technology can be recognized and promoted as role models. WIT was founded in 1994 and has nearly 1,000 members. For more information, please visit [womenintechnology.org](http://womenintechnology.org).

### **About the March of Dimes**

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For the latest resources and information, visit [marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com) or [nacersano.org](http://nacersano.org).

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