

## ***Enterprising Women Magazine Announces its Class of 2015***

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

**CARY, NC (USA):** Monica S. Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women* magazine ([www.enterprisingwomen.com](http://www.enterprisingwomen.com)) has announced the winners of the 2015 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, an annual tribute to top women entrepreneurs from North America and around the globe. The award honorees will be recognized at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards & Conference, March 29-31, 2015 at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA.

The annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, which recognizes the finest women entrepreneurs in North America and beyond, is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. It is widely considered one of the most prestigious recognition programs for women business owners. To win, nominees 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 honorees also serve as leaders of the key organizations that support the growth of women's entrepreneurship.

Award winners were recognized in seven categories this year: annual sales revenues of more than \$100 million; annual sales revenues of more than \$25 million and up to \$100 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 \$2 million and up to \$5 million; annual sales revenues of more than \$1 million and up to \$2 million; and annual sales revenues of up to \$1 million.

"The Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration continues to grow each year, attracting more nominations from outstanding women entrepreneurs around the world. Our class of 2015 includes honorees from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, South Africa, Hong Kong, and several other countries," Monica Smiley, publisher/CEO of *Enterprising Women*, said.

"Because of the tremendous growth in the number of large businesses, we have added a new category this year for businesses with more than \$100 million in revenues," Smiley added. "When this awards program began 13 years ago, there were only a handful of nominees in what was then the highest revenue category –over \$10 million in annual revenues. This growth reflects the fact that more women are scaling their businesses to the \$100 million plus level. The Enterprising Women of the Year Award has grown each year in prestige and stature so

women entrepreneurs at all levels want to be recognized with this award for the great work they are doing. We could not be more proud of the outstanding women who make up the Enterprising Women Class of 2015,” Smiley, said.

**Below are the 2015 recipients of the Enterprising Women of the Year Award:**

**Over \$100 Million in Annual Revenues**

- **Kay Ivie**, Ivie & Associates, Inc., Flower Mound, TX
- **Beatriz Manetta**, Argent Associates, Inc., Plano, TX
- **Jennifer Maier**, WDS, Inc., Lake Wylie, SC
- **Julia Fournier**, HCMWorks, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- **Veronica Muzquiz Edwards**, InGenesis, Inc., San Antonio, TX
- **Camille Thomas**, JMC Retail Group, Minneapolis, MN

**Over \$25 Million and up to \$100 Million in Annual Revenues**

- **Raegan Moya-Jones**, Aden & Anais, Inc, Brooklyn, NY
- **Traci Lounsbury**, ELEMENTS, Denver, CO
- **Lisa Sackuvich**, ARJ Infusion Services, Lenexa, KS
- **Diane Medley**, MCM LLP, Louisville, KY
- **Noreen King**, Evolve Manufacturing Technologies, Inc., Mountain View, CA
- **Carol Hackbarth**, Hackbarth Delivery Service, Mobile, AL
- **Mary K. Davenport**, TransTech IT Staffing, Itasca, IL
- **Marygrace Sexton**, Natalie’s Orchid Island Juice Company, Fort Pierce, FL
- **Jennifer Jeansonne**, Eagle Consulting, LLC, Belle Chasse, LA

**Over \$10 Million and Up to \$25 Million in Annual Revenues**

- **Britnie Turner**, Aerial Development Group, Nashville, TN
- **Tammy Cohen**, InfoMart, Inc., Marietta, GA
- **Marie Seipenko**, Preferred Solutions, Northville, MI
- **Patty Comer**, AccruePartners, Charlotte, NC
- **Sylvana Coche**, Gravity Pro Consulting, LLC, San Clemente, CA
- **Fiona Gathright**, Wellness Corporate Solutions, LLC, Bethesda, MD
- **Paula Lombard**, WEXCO Industries, Pine Brook, NJ
- **Hetal Parikh**, Rangam Consultants Inc., Somerset, NJ
- **Olga Smirnova**, Global Language Solutions, Irvine, CA
- **Barbara Issett**, IQ Business Events, Inc., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
- **Sheila Benson**, Employment Screening Services, Birmingham, AL
- **Lauren Herring**, IMPACT Group, St. Louis, MO
- **Joy E. Taylor**, TayganPoint Consulting Group, LLC, Lambertville, NJ
- **Deborah C. Weaver**, Midwest Litigation Services, St. Louis, MO
- **Claudia Mirza**, Elahi Enterprises, Inc., dba, Akorbi, Plano, TX
- **Marilyn Grabowski**, AtlanticInfra, Wall, NJ
- **Mary Miller**, JANCOA Janitorial Services, Inc., Cincinnati, OH

- **Angela Lee**, The Happy Point Resto Group, Chicago, IL
- **Diana Harbour**, The Red Dress Boutique, Athens, GA
- **Natalie McDonald**, Create NYC, New York, NY

#### **Over \$5 Million and Up to \$10 Million in Annual Revenues**

- **Jean Thompson**, Seattle Chocolate Company, Seattle, WA
- **Carol Fitzgerald**, Buzzback LLC, New York, NY
- **Mandy Gilbert**, Creative Niche Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- **Tabatha Turman**, Integrated Finance & Accounting Solutions, LLC, Woodbridge, VA
- **Billie Bryant Schultz**, CESCO, Inc., Dallas, TX
- **Carolyn Williams Francis**, Williams Interior Designs, Inc., Columbus, OH
- **Victoria L. Vasques**, Tribal Tech, LLC, Alexandria, VA
- **Lisa Rosenthal**, The Mayvin Consulting Group, Inc., Alexandria, VA
- **Carla Percy**, The Mayvin Consulting Group, Inc., Alexandria, VA
- **Teresa Sherald**, Diversity Search Group, Columbus, OH
- **Stacy D. Phillips**, Phillips Lerner, A Law Corporation, Los Angeles, CA
- **Susan Gilbert**, APOGEE Interactive, Inc., Tucker, GA
- **Ellen Dickson**, Bailey Edward Design, Inc., Chicago, IL
- **Sue Bennett**, Bennett Design Associates, Inc., Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada
- **Mashell Carissimi**, JMC Electrical Contractor, LLC, Saint Clair Shores, MI

#### **Over \$2 Million and Up to \$5 Million in Annual Revenues**

- **CJ Stafford**, Stafford Communications Group, Inc., New Providence, NJ
- **Jennah Purk, CPA, MST**, Purk & Associates, P.C., St. Louis, MO
- **Eugenia Rangel Vera**, Tabiques y Acabados de Ceramica SA de C.V., Juarez, Mexico
- **Brooke Partridge**, Vital Wave, Palo Alto, CA
- **Crystal Arlington**, Affiliated Grounds Maintenance Group, Inc., Erie, PA
- **Melissa Lackey**, Standing Partnership, St. Louis, MO
- **Heidi Krupp**, Krupp Communications, New York, NY
- **Melanie Querry**, Beyond Spots & Dots, Pittsburgh, PA
- **Ania Rodriguez**, Key Lime Interactive, Doral, FL
- **Emily Merson**, Global Experiences, Annapolis, MD
- **Kathy Palokoff**, Firestarter, Baltimore, MD
- **Dorothy Botsi-Tulare**, Botho Ubuntu Cleaning, Johannesburg, South Africa
- **Delois Babiker**, Intellectual Concepts, LLC, Atlanta, GA
- **Reginalea Sturns-Kemp**, Kemp & Sons General Services, Fort Worth, TX
- **Gabriela Leon Gutierrez**, Gresmex, Naucalpan City, Mexico
- **Tanya Little**, Hart Advisors Group, LLC, Dallas, TX
- **Jane Sydlowski**, AMI Strategies, Livonia, MI
- **Ann K. Luciani**, First Capital Engineering, York, PA

#### **Over \$1 Million and Up to \$2 Million in Annual Revenues**

- **Linda A. Fanaras**, Millennium Integrated Marketing, Manchester, NH

- **Adie Horowitz**, Licenders, New York, NY
- **Debbie Oberbillig**, Allen Partners, Inc., Seattle, WA
- **Melinda Maine Garvey**, AW Media, Austin, TX
- **Susan L. Dawson**, Waltz, Palmer & Dawson, LLC, Rolling Meadows, IL
- **Charmane H. Sellers**, ALEON Properties, Inc., Austin, TX
- **Diana Peters**, Symbol Training Institute, Skokie, IL
- **Francine Friedman Griesing**, Griesing Law, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
- **Dr. Angela Marshall**, Comprehensive Women's Health, Inc., Silver Spring, MD
- **Moira Vetter**, Modo Modo Agency, Atlanta, GA

### Up to \$1 Million in Annual Revenues

- **Rashi Bajaj**, Carpet Couture by Rashi, New Delhi, India
- **Marla Rausch**, Animation Vertigo, Irvine, CA
- **Latoya Bullard-Franklin**, The Bulsard Group, LLC, Houston, TX
- **Deborah K. Delaney**, Touching Lives Adult Day Services, Savage, MN
- **Kathy Kamei**, Kathy Kamei Designs, Kentfield, CA
- **Tena Z. Payne**, Earthborn Studios, Inc., Leeds, AL
- **Maria Teresa Cepeda Casaus**, Imaging Supplies de Mexico SA, Mexico City, Mexico
- **Jeri J. Brooks**, One World Strategy Group, LLC, Houston, TX
- **Dr. Marlene N. Mahipat**, Mediquest, LLC, Randallstown, MD
- **Kelly Ehlers**, Evoke Brands, Inc., Madison, WI
- **Dana Marlowe**, Accessibility Partners, Silver Spring, MD
- **Elaine Gordon**, Gordon ADR, LLC, Westbrook, CT
- **Chandra Moore**, coG-studio, Detroit, MI
- **Sheila Stenhouse Lee**, Sheila Lee & Associates, LLC, Baltimore, MD
- **Sandra Sassow**, SEaB Energy Limited, Southampton, United Kingdom
- **Yaneek Page**, Future Services International, Kingston, Jamaica
- **Sandy Riser**, SwanRise Productions and The Next Level Business Solutions, Tucson, AZ

### 2015 Enterprising Women of the Year Honorable Mention

- **Hima Kolanagireddy**, ASCII Group, LLC, Farmington, MI
- **Catherine M. Tojaga**, CT Mechanical, Lombard, IL
- **Simona Faroni**, G.S. Gelato and Desserts, Fort Walton Beach, FL
- **Juliet Shrader**, iVantage Group, Brighton, MI
- **Loni Mouton**, Access Land & Title Services, Inc., Metairie, LA
- **Christine Lotze**, Philosophy IB, LLP, Florham Park, NJ
- **Deborah Wooldridge**, DW Training and Development, Inc., Carlsbad, CA
- **Debbie Drury**, Market Doctors, Dickinson, TX
- **Rashi A. Khosla**, MARS IT Corp., Wauwatosa, WI
- **Danielle Hughes**, Divine Capital Markets LLC, New York, NY
- **Megan Buzzetta**, Global Planners, Inc., Hamilton, NJ
- **Joaneane A. Smith**, Global Commerce and Services, LLC, Harvey, LA
- **Barbara Wichmann**, ARTEMIA Communications, Inc., San Francisco, CA

- **Christy Lamagna**, Strategic Meetings & Events, Bernardsville, NJ
- **Robin Franks**, TGE Resources, Inc., Houston, TX
- **Cindi Shelby**, R Meyers, Nichols Hills, OK
- **Shari Yocum**, Tasman Consulting, LLC, San Francisco, CA
- **Connie Golleher**, The Golleher Group, LLC, McLean, VA
- **Twyla N. Garrett**, IME, Washington, DC
- **Vandana Mehrotra**, Meteonc Innovation Pvt Ltd., Bangalore, India
- **Susan Munro**, Hybrid Edit, Marina del Rey, CA
- **Stacy Francis**, Francis Financial, New York, NY
- **Patricia Vice, CRM, FAI**, CRM & Associates, Inc., Houston, TX
- **Sassa Akervall**, Akervall Technologies Inc., Saline, MI
- **Julianne Erhart-Graves**, Worley Erhart-Graves Financial Advisors, Inc., Indianapolis, IN
- **Sandy Wyman**, Tidestone Solutions, Portland, ME
- **Shelly Aberson**, Aberson Narotzky & White, Inc., Kenilworth, NJ
- **Joyce Brocaglia**, Alta Associates and the Executive Women's Forum, Flemington, NJ
- **Hilary Kaye**, HKA, Inc. Marketing Communications, Tustin, CA
- **Lisa Fairclough**, Fairclough Realtors and Property Managers (Lisa Fairclough Enterprises), Sparta, NJ
- **Johnette Van Eeden**, Star Wellness, Euless, TX
- **Andrea Mason**, barre3, Oklahoma City, OK
- **Carrie Brewer Martinez**, CM Productions, Inc., Dallas, TX
- **Karin Caro**, BluChip Marketing, Smithtown, NY
- **Carrie Rich**, The Global Good Fund, Arlington, VA
- **Heather Howell**, Rooibee Red Tea, Louisville, KY
- **Madeline Ann Lewis, PhD**, Executive Women's Success Institute, Upper Marlboro, MD
- **Heather Anne Sams**, HAS Art Solutions, Jacksonville, FL
- **Natasha Pongonis**, Nativa, a Multicultural Communications Agency, Columbus, OH
- **Sharon W. Reynolds**, DevMar Products, LLC, Nashville, TN
- **Kristin Carrington**, Carrington Risk Consulting, LLC, Ft. Myers Beach, FL
- **Susan McCormick, M.S.**, The Wellness Connection, LLC, Stone Ridge, VA
- **Della Simpson**, Relan, Mendota Heights, MN
- **Memuna Williams**, Avantgarde Translations, Charlotte, NC
- **Jacqueline E. Muller**, 3DOM (Asia Pacific) Ltd., Hong Kong
- **Moni Singh**, STEM For Kids, Raleigh, NC

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**About *Enterprising Women* Magazine:**

***Enterprising Women* magazine** ([www.enterprisingwomen.com](http://www.enterprisingwomen.com)), headquartered in Cary, NC, is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. The nation's only women-owned magazine published exclusively for women business owners, it chronicles the growing political, economic and social influence and power of entrepreneurial women. *Enterprising Women* provides a friendly meeting place, a public forum, and an international stage for the critical issues confronting women's businesses and daily lives, all from the unique perspectives and experiences of entrepreneurial women. The magazine's digital edition (launched in 2008) reaches nearly one million top-level women entrepreneurs in 185 countries around the globe.

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