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THREE FROM METRO EAST RECOGNIZED BY WINNING WOMEN

EDWARDSVILLE, ILL., May 19, 2011...The Winning Women organization honored three outstanding female Metro East leaders at its fourth annual awards dinner held at the St. Louis History Museum on April 28th. Founder and Producer of Zin-Graff Motion Pictures, Judee Sauget; President and CEO of Extra Help, Inc, Teresa Katubig; and Corporate Communications Consultant and Writer for O'Connor and Partners, Kathy Kaiser were among 12 women recognized by the organization at the *Women Influencing Now Awards Banquet*, which was co-sponsored by The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

The winners were selected from dozens of nominations of successful women within the categories of public service, entrepreneur and business executive.

Sauget was recognized in the entrepreneur category for her work as a prominent business woman and entrepreneur in the Southwestern Illinois and St. Louis region for the past 30 years. For nearly 20 years, she owned and operated Oliver's Restaurant in Sauget, Ill., and 10 years ago, she founded Zin-Graff Motion Pictures. Under Sauget's direction, Zin-Graff Motion Pictures has produced five movies, three features, two short films, one documentary, as well as movie trailers and television commercials. The company also has four films currently in development. She is an advocate for independent films, and for the past 15 years, she has been a sponsor of the St. Louis International Film Festival.

Katubig was selected as the Metro East winner in the business executive category, earning recognition for her accomplishments as the founder and CEO of Extra Help, Inc. A Certified Public Accountant, Katubig started Extra Help in 1995 as a temporary employment agency, but it has evolved to include direct hiring, contingency staffing, workforce tools and payroll services that help clients improve workforce efficiency. The company, which has offices in Edwardsville, Marion, Ill., and downtown St. Louis, now serves more than a thousand growing mid-sized companies in Illinois, St. Louis and 31 additional states.

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Kaiser received the award in the public service category and was recognized for her substantial contributions to the economic health and viability of the Metro East region over the last 15 years. In her roles as Marketing/Membership Director and Executive Director with the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, she spearheaded business development that increased Chamber membership substantially over a two-year period. She also directed and led all business and economic development activities for local businesses throughout the Metro East region. Currently, Kaiser serves as corporate communications consultant and writer with O'Connor and Partners and has used her skills in marketing and public relations to help drive economic development and new business opportunities for Radio Disney and *LIPSTIK Magazine*.

“All of these women personify what it means to be leaders in our community,” noted Patrick McKeehan, executive director of the Leadership Council. “This event plays an important role in highlighting the distinguished women in the region who are shaping our economic future. We applaud Winning Women for their continued efforts to spotlight these highly deserving individuals.”

Other winners for 2011 include: Vicki Pohlman, President and Chief Executive Officer of PohlmanUSA Court Reporting; Debra Hollingsworth, Regional Vice President at AT &T; Marilyn Bush, Chairperson of the Hawthorn Foundation; Holly Cunningham, President of Hollyberry Baking and Catering; Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge, Director of Lambert St. Louis International Airport; Betty Van Uum, Public Affairs & Economic Development Officer at University of Missouri — St. Louis; Linda Haberstroh, Owner and President of Phoenix Textile Corporation; Lisa Baue, President and CEO of Baue Funeral Homes, Crematory and Memorial Gardens; and Kathy Williamson, Special Education Teacher at Francis Howell School District.

About Winning Women

Winning Women is a non-profit organization that brings together some of the St. Louis region's most influential female business leaders to foster business growth and development, to increase the visibility of women's contributions and to demonstrate that women can achieve at any level. Its mission is to contribute to the region's economic development in business, education, government, health initiatives and to reinforce the region's position as a desirable community in which women can build successful careers, businesses and family lives.

About the Leadership Council

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois is a member-based, economic development corporation representing Madison and St. Clair counties. The Council works to attract/retain jobs and stimulate capital investment through its coalition of leaders in business, industry, labor, education and government. These effective partnerships serve as a driving force behind successful economic development efforts in Southwestern Illinois and the metropolitan area.

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