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**2006 Heroines in Technology Awards Presented
by Women in Technology and March of Dimes**

\$141,000 Raised to Support March of Dimes

ALEXANDRIA, Va. -- The March of Dimes and Women in Technology announced the recipients of the 2006 Heroines in Technology Awards on Friday, October 27, 2006, at a lively black-tie optional event which raised over \$141,000 to support the March of Dimes. Master of Ceremonies I.J. Hudson of Washington's NBC4 joined Women in Technology President Marguerete Luter and Heroines in Technology Chair Dede Haskins in presenting the awards at the sixth annual gala held at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner.

The Heroines in Technology Awards honor women and businesses who balance demanding roles in the fast-paced technology sector with significant commitments to community service. All proceeds from the event benefit March of Dimes programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies.

"Each year, we are amazed by the accomplishments of the women honored here as Heroines in Technology," said Marguerete Luter, President of Women in Technology and Vice President, Global Bid Management Organization for Unisys Global Outsourcing & Infrastructure Services. "We are also pleased to be able to support the March of Dimes with the generous contributions of the supporters of this event."

The 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award went to April Young, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Manager, Mid-Atlantic South Region Technology and Life Sciences Division, Comerica Bank. In addition to her highly regarded professional accomplishments, Dr. Young has provided keen leadership skills to a large number of worthy organizations, including Environmental Planning Development, the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, the Federal Home Loan Bank Community Advisory Panel, Atlanta National Parks and Conservation Association, and the Women's Growth

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Capital Fund. Dr. Young has twice joined other business executives from the region in a two-week mission trip with Five Talents International to teach basic business principles, empowering women in several cities in Africa to change their economic circumstances.

Also awarded on Friday were the following:

The 2006 Individual Heroine in Technology Award

- Melany Smith, President, Mel's Computer Help

The 2006 Corporate Heroine in Technology Awards

- EFX Media, Jennifer Cortner, President of EFX Media
- DefyWire, Jill Stelfox, Chief Executive Officer of DefyWire

Other 2006 finalists that joined in the celebration included Joy Hughes, Ph.D., Vice President of Information Technology & Chief Information Officer, George Mason University; Karen Penn, Vice President, Director of Corporate Diversity, SAIC; Kim Shackelford, President, Ambit Group; Cindy Troutman, President, CGH Technologies, Inc. and Patricia A. Weaver, Senior Vice President and Director, Corporate Administration, Alion Science & Technology.

“Women in Technology is a not-for-profit networking and professional development powerhouse in the Washington technology community. 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 sixth annual Heroines in Technology event we have now raised over \$500,000 in support the March of Dimes,” said Luter.

The March of Dimes and Women in Technology were supported in this event by sponsors including SAIC, Sprint, EFX Media, Freddie Mac, American Airlines, Business Wire, ExecutiveBiz, Government Computer News, Potomac TechWire, Washington Technology and WGMS.

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. The organization's principles are embodied in its tag line: *Connect. Lead. Succeed.* WIT was founded in 1994 and has nearly 1,000 members. For more information, please visit WIT's web site, www.womenintechology.org.

About the March of Dimes

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies and in 2003 launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth. For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at marchofdimes.com or its Spanish-language Web site at nacersano.org.

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