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WVWC to Host 22nd Annual Celebrate Women Awards

The West Virginia Women's Commission will host the 22nd annual Celebrate Women Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Stonewall Jackson Resort in Roanoke, WV. The awards highlight women as positive role models, providers of selfless service in addressing concerns of women and their families, and the fact that one person can make a positive difference in her community, state and nation.

The Celebrate Women Awards serves as a "hall of fame" for West Virginia women. The awards encompass 12 categories ranging from arts to government to public service. The Women's Commission will also honor two very special women whose talents, expertise, dedication and contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of West Virginia women and their families.

The 22nd annual Celebrate Women Awards winners for 2007 are: Arts – Dolly Withrow of Charleston; Business – Lisa Wharton-Turner of Buckhannon; Education – Connie Dale Newhouse of Augusta; Government – Jessica Greathouse of South Charleston; Labor – Barbara Spradling of Elkview; Math/Science – Mary Jo Hendricks of Hurricane; Mountaineer Spirit – Marilyn S. Benson of Bluefield; Professions – Chris Zinn, RN, BSN, CHPN of Charleston; Public Service – Diana Bell of Wheeling and Annie Otto of Hedgesville; Sports – Linda K. Burdette of Morgantown; Unsung Hero – Irene E. Yates of Shepherdstown; and Volunteer Service – C. Sue Shields of Bluefield. The Guardian Angel Award will be presented to: First Lady, Gayle C. Manchin and West Virginia House of Delegates Judiciary Chairwoman, Carrie Webster.

Tickets for the Celebrate Women Awards luncheon are \$30 per person and may be purchased in advance by calling the Women's Commission at 304-558-0070 or visiting the website at www.wvdhhr.org/wowmen and clicking on the Celebrate Women Event link on the main page.

The West Virginia Women's Commission is a division of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Our mission is to promote equality and empowerment of all West Virginia women through advocacy, research, education and consensus building. The Commission exists to foster women's economic, educational, political, and social development, to ensure their full participation in society and to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of state women.