



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS AND WELLS FARGO CELEBRATE TRAILBLAZING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

(McLean, Va., June 1, 2007)—The National Association of Women Business Owners® (NAWBO®) and Wells Fargo announced the winners of the 2007 NAWBO/Wells Fargo Trailblazer Award. This annual award recognizes three women business owners for their trailblazing spirit as demonstrated by their companies' business performance, innovation, growth, and personal service to the community. The winners will each receive a cash grant of \$5,000 and accept their awards on June 1 during NAWBO's 2007 Women's Business Conference in Atlanta, Ga., May 31-June 2.

The 2007 NAWBO/Wells Fargo Trailblazer Award winners are:

Christine Wallace, Gracewinds Perinatal Services. Christine Wallace is a true trailblazer offering a unique service that complements the birthing process. Gracewinds offers high quality, birth-related services in one location. Services include child birth preparation and family education, Dad's classes, infant massage classes, and more .

Debra Ruh, TecAccess, LLC. Debra Ruh's goal is to help corporations make their Web presence more user friendly for the disabled community. To meet that goal, TecAccess provides consulting services to the government and corporations on web accessibility for people with cognitive and physical disabilities. Clients include Circuit City, Canon, and the U.S. Government.

Lucie Voves, Church Hill Classics & Diplomaframe.com. Led by Lucie Voves' trailblazing spirit, Church Hill Classics manufactures licensed diploma and certificate frames to hundreds of colleges, universities, professional association, corporations, Greek fraternities and sororities, and U.S. military organizations. Church Hill Classics also provides services such as turnkey marketing, fulfillment, and customer service support, thereby raising the standards in the industry and reducing the threat of overseas competition.

"NAWBO is proud to honor these exceptional women business owners for their trailblazing spirit with the 2007 NAWBO/Wells Fargo Trailblazer Award," said Carol Kuc, NAWBO president and president/CEO of Complete Conference Coordinators, Inc. in Naperville, Ill. "Their drive, innovation, and community involvement serve as a model for success for women entrepreneurs everywhere."

"The diverse talent and leadership demonstrated by these three women is inspiring and extends far beyond the walls of their businesses. They are leaders not only in business but also in their communities. This is why we salute and recognize the contributions of women entrepreneurs nationwide," said Joy Ott, regional president for Wells Fargo Bank in Montana and national

spokesperson for its Women's Business Services program "This year's winners truly personify what it means to be a 'trailblazer' and we applaud and thank them for their continued innovation and success."

About the National Association of Women Business Owners: Founded in 1975, NAWBO propels women entrepreneurs into economic, social, and political spheres of power worldwide. Thirty years later, NAWBO is still the only organization that solely represents the interest of women entrepreneurs in all industries. The organization's mission is to strengthen the wealth-creating capacity of its members and promote economic development; to create innovative and effective change in the business culture; to build strategic alliances, coalitions and affiliations; and to transform public policy and influence opinion makers. Visit www.nawbo.org for more information.

About Wells Fargo: Wells Fargo & Company is a diversified financial services company with \$391 billion in assets, providing banking, insurance, investments, mortgage and consumer finance from more than 5,900 stores, the Internet (wellsfargo.com) and other distribution channels across North America and elsewhere internationally. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the only "Aaa"-rated bank in the United States.

Providing financial products and services to more than one million businesses with annual sales up to \$20 million in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, Wells Fargo is the #1 lender to small businesses in the United States in total dollar volume. Wells Fargo ranks 2nd nationally in total dollar volume of SBA loans, 3rd in total SBA loans. An SBA Preferred Lender in 28 states and the District of Columbia, Wells Fargo originated 3,181 SBA loans totaling \$473 million for the twelve months ending September 30, 2003. Speer & Associates rated the wellsfargo.com small business site the best online banking site for small business customers in 2002 (wellsfargo.com/biz). Its targeted business services programs provide outreach and education to women, African American, Latino, and Asian business owners about financial services. Since 1995, Wells Fargo has loaned more than \$18 billion to women and minority business owners.

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