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Call for Nominations

The Women's Fund of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation is pleased to sponsor the ATHENA Award which honors women leaders. The ATHENA Award has an impressive history in the St. Cloud area which spans over 20 years. We are pleased to continue the pursuit of eligible recipients because it is important to recognize women who have excelled in a variety of working environments and in doing so have improved conditions for themselves and others.

The ATHENA Award is unique in that while it is a prestigious, internationally recognized women's leadership award, it is foremost a grass-roots, community based program. Since the program's inception in 1982 more than 5300 awards have been presented in over 500 communities in the United States, Canada, China, Russia, the United Arab Emirates and most recently the United Kingdom. By honoring exceptional leaders, the ATHENA Award® Program seeks to inspire others to achieve excellence in their professional and personal lives.

The award will be presented at the Central Minnesota Community Foundation Annual Dinner which is held each year in the fall and features Awards in Philanthropy. This year the dinner will be on Monday, September 13 at the Holiday Inn.

Nominations are due by April 6, 2010. The nomination form is available at www.communitygiving.org. Click on Community Initiatives and then on Women's Fund. The form is on the left hand side.

ATHENA Award Recipients are women who

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession.
- Provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the lives of others in the community.
- Actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential.

If you have any questions, please call Barbara Carlson at the Central Minnesota Community Foundation at 320-253-4380.