



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 13, 2010

Contact: Cheryl Knauer
410-568-8808
cknauer@nevinspr.com

MARYLAND WOMEN'S HERITAGE CENTER HOSTS RECEPTION CELEBRATING 10 WOMEN WHO CHANGED THE FACE OF MARYLAND AND OUTSTANDING WOMEN BUSINESS LEADERS

This complimentary event, in conjunction with "Maryland Life" magazine, takes place Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, 39 West Lexington Street, Baltimore

Suggested donation of \$10 to benefit the Maryland Women's Heritage Center

BALTIMORE – The Maryland Women's Heritage Center and *Maryland Life* magazine host a complimentary reception to honor 10 women who have changed the face of Maryland, as well as outstanding women business leaders.

The event takes place Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the Maryland Women's Heritage Center located at 39 West Lexington Street, Baltimore (at the corner of Lexington and Liberty Streets). Although there is no cost to attend, the Maryland Women's Heritage Center is collecting donations at the event (suggested donation of \$10 per person).

Influential Maryland women to be honored are:

- **Carmen Delgado Votaw**, national and international civil rights leader
- **Nancy S. Grasmick**, "Maryland's first lady of education"
- **Rachel Carson**, "mother of the modern environmental movement"
- **Jill Moss Greenberg**, Executive Director of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center
- **Rebecca Alban Hoffberger**, Founder of the American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM)
- **Claire McCardell**, renowned fashion designer and "creator of women's sportswear"
- **Alta Schrock**, helped create jobs in Western Maryland
- **Pauli Murray**, first African-American woman and one of the first women to be ordained as an Episcopal priest
- **Harriet Ross Tubman**, runaway slave known as the "Moses of her People"
- **Elizabeth Ann Seton**, the first American-born saint

Also being recognized are exceptional women business leaders, including **Agnes Murray**, **Marlen Ramirez** and **Silvia Bouchard** from Northrop Gruman; **Rachel Marriner Mull**, **Mary Marriner**, and **Tori Marriner** from Victoria Gastro Pub; **Patricia Mager** of WHBG Certified Public Accountants, and **Dana Engle** of Re/Max.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres served by Morton's The Steakhouse, wines provided by Elk Run Vineyards, and cupcakes available from Caroline's Cakes. Guests also receive a complimentary gift bag courtesy of the Cosmetic Surgery Center of Maryland and Be Lifestyle Medspa.

To register for the event, or for more information, contact the Maryland Women's Heritage Center at 410-767-0675 or www.MDWomensHeritageCenter.org.

#

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center was established to preserve the past, understand the present, and shape the future by recognizing, respecting, and transmitting the experiences and contributions of Maryland women of diverse backgrounds and from all regions of the state.

The first comprehensive state-based effort of its kind in the nation, it provides a place to learn and teach about the contributions of Maryland women through the State's history, to develop leadership by girls and women, and to hold forums to address issues impacting girls, women and their families.

The Center is an outgrowth of the Maryland Women's History Project that began in 1980 as a collaborative venture between the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland State Department of Education. It provides a home to the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, which has inducted outstanding women since 1985, coordinated by the Women Legislators of Maryland and the Maryland Commission for Women.

Partners of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center are the Maryland Commission for Women, Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland State Education Association, WomanTalk Live, Maryland Public Television (MPT), Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, YWCA of the Greater Baltimore area, Center for Transnational Women's Issues, School Girls Unite, Focus on Women Magazine, and The Women's Journals.