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Philadelphia SmartCEO Announces the 2015 Brava! Award Winners

*40 powerhouse female business leaders to be recognized in
SmartCEO's Brava! Awards program*

Philadelphia, PA (April 29, 2015) — Philadelphia SmartCEO is pleased to announce the 2015 Brava! Award winners, which includes Marjorie Brody, President & CEO of BRODY Professional Development.

The Brava! Awards celebrate the distinguished achievements of 40 of Greater Philadelphia's top women business leaders. This year's class collectively generates more than \$626.5 million in annual revenue and employs 7,174 individuals. The winners will be profiled in the July/August issue of *SmartCEO* magazine and celebrated at an awards ceremony on July 22, 2015 at the Crystal Tea Room.

"I was honored to be nominated and win this prestigious award that recognizes female business leaders in the area," Brody said. "As a certified Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), BRODY partners with many of the Fortune 500 as a diverse supplier, and delivers many presentations for corporate women's initiatives and female trade groups -- in addition to our training and coaching programs."

Please see below for a complete list of winners and for program details. To share in the excitement leading up to the event, follow us @SmartCEO #BravaAwards.

"Brava winners possess the hallmark qualities of successful leaders — vision, passion, compassion, dedication, perseverance. Each winner in this year's class exhibits these qualities in all facets of her life, from running her business to tending to her family and donating time and resources to philanthropic initiatives," says Jaime Nespor-Zawmon, president of SmartCEO Events. "We are honored to recognize a group of women who are truly making a difference in the world."

The Philadelphia Brava! Awards ceremony on July 22, 2015, is an expected sell-out event where more than 350 local executives and guests will gather and celebrate their noteworthy





achievements. Past Brava! winners will also be in attendance to welcome the new class of winners into the Brava! community. The event will kick off with a cocktail reception, followed by a video-packed awards ceremony and a final, inspirational toast to the female leaders of Greater Philadelphia.

About SmartCEO

SmartCEO's mission is to educate and inspire the business community through its award-winning magazine, connections at C-level events and access to valuable online resources. SmartCEO's integrated media platforms reach decision makers in the Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, metropolitan areas.

About the Brava! Awards

The Brava! Awards program celebrates female CEOs, nonprofit leaders and high-impact executives who combine their irrepressible entrepreneurial spirit with a passion for giving back to the community. Brava! Award winners are exemplary leaders of both their companies and their communities. They encourage local philanthropy, mentor up-and-coming leaders and set their companies on the path to tremendous growth. Each year, an independent committee of local business leaders selects winners based on company growth, community impact and mentoring. SmartCEO shares their inspiring stories in the July/August issue of *SmartCEO* magazine and celebrates their success at an awards reception in July.

Complete Program Information

2015 Brava! Awards

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Crystal Tea Room

100 E. Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Attire: Business Cocktail

2015 Brava! CEO Winners

Ellen Thompson, 4 Walls, Inc.

Antoinette Marie Johnson, At Media

Marjorie Brody, CSP, PCC, CPAE, BRODY Professional Development

Felicite Moorman, Esq., BuLogics, Inc. & StratIS EMS, LLC

Letitia Squillaro, Candor Consulting

Nicole B. Comer, CE Solutions

Dr. Vail P. Garvin, FACHE, Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce (*Nonprofit Winner*)

Christine Taylor, Christine Taylor Collection

Claudia Timbo, Company Voice

Tricia Pilone, CPI Companies and PolicyAudits.com

Dianne L. Semingson, DLS International

Valerie Biscardi, Drs. Wortman, Biscardi & Associates, PC

Stephanie Kozak Allen, Express Park





Gina F. Rubel, Esq., Furia Rubel Communications, Inc.
Betty Long, RN, MHA, Guardian Nurses Healthcare Advocates, Inc.
Dr. Kathleen Owens, Gwynedd Mercy University (*Nonprofit Winner*)
Grace Killelea, Half The Sky Leadership For Women
Patricia Claybrook, Jidan Cleaning LLC
Mikal C. Harden, Juno Search Partners
Denise Kassekert, JW Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School (*Nonprofit Winner*)

Linda Lightman, Linda's Stuff
Dana Spain, McSpain Properties
Linda J. McAleer, The Melior Group
Allison O'Kelly, Mom Corps
Laura Kasper, Monarch Staffing
Dr. Ellen Stang, ProgenyHealth
Pamela Horowitz, Provence Catering
Julia Jannetti Kmiec, Select Modular Homes, Inc.
Karen Andrade-Mims, UIH (*Nonprofit Winner*)
Diana L. Ramsay, Woods (*Nonprofit Winner*)

2015 Brava! Executive Winners

Meishka L. Mitchell, AICP, PP, Cooper's Ferry Partnership
Debbie Smith, Expert Technology Associates
Lisa Detwiler, FS2 Capital Partners, LLC
Jessica Mazzeo, Griesing Law, LLC
Mary Ann Murtha, Huntingdon Valley Bank
Catherine S. Sennett, Esq., Jackson Cross Partners LLC
Kathryn L. Black, The McKee Group
Rhonda S. Costello, Republic Bank
Andrea Vargas, Specialized Education Services, Inc.
Jennifer Alleva, Your Part-Time Controller, LLC

For more information about the 2016 Brava! Awards nomination process, email us at PHprograms@smartceo.com. For information about sponsorship opportunities, email us at Philadelphia@smartceo.com.

For more information about BRODY Professional Development, or to schedule an interview with Marjorie Brody, please email Miryam Roddy: mroddy@brodypro.com. Or, call 215-886-1688.

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