



**WOMEN FOR  
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## **12 Women Honored in Central Ohio for Exceptional Leadership**

*Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD) Unveiled Its 2011 "Women You Should Know" Calendar*

Columbus, Ohio (TBD, 2010) – With over 400 attendees, Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD) unveiled its "12 Women You Should Know" 2011 calendar during a recognition banquet held at Cardinal Health on November 8, 2010.

As a central Ohio organization committed to increasing the number of women in business and government leadership positions, WELD's "12 Women You Should Know" calendar event encourages and celebrates WELD's initiative to raise awareness of the successes of women in the central Ohio community.

The WELD "12 Women You Should Know" calendar recognizes women in the central Ohio area who are key businesswomen, leaders, innovators, and influencers in the professional community. These leaders were nominated by their professional peers based upon their exceptional leadership skills within their respective fields.

This year's honorees included:

1. **Charlene Jendry** - Conservation Outreach Coordinator, Columbus Zoo
2. **Amy Marshall** - Owner, Webbed Marketing
3. **Jyothi Cherry** - Director of X-ACTO SBU, Elmer's Products
4. **Velda Otey** - Former CIO, American Electric Power
5. **Kathy Mabe** - President of Property & Casualty Specialty Products, Nationwide
6. **Laura MacDonald** - Owner and President, The Benefactor Group
7. **Kathy Mancini** - CEO, Molina Healthcare of Ohio
8. **Mary Lou Langenhop** - CEO, Children's Hunger Alliance
9. **Allison Finkelstein** - Senior Director of Funds Management, TechColumbus
10. **Shelley Bird** - Executive Vice President, Public Affairs, Cardinal Health
11. **Katie Carter** - Executive Director, Columbus Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure
12. **Jolene Molitoris** - Director, Ohio Department of Transportation

Five thousand WELD calendars are distributed each year, reaching business executives, community leaders, and aspiring women leaders. The 2005 calendar was the inaugural WELD Women You Should Know Calendar.

The event was hosted by attorney and news anchor Colleen Marshall and featured remarks by WELD board president Carol Clark and WELD's new Executive Director Barb Smoot. The evening brought together WELD members, community leaders, corporate sponsors and guests to recognize this year's honorees.



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**About WELD (Women for Economic and Leadership Development)**

Founded in 2003, WELD is a non-profit organization that strives to increase the number of women serving in leadership positions in business and government in central Ohio and raise the visibility of their accomplishments. WELD focuses on economic and leadership issues facing women in profit and non-profit organizations and builds special programs, events, and a community to support leadership development and business growth. WELD offers distinct programming for women in medium-sized or large corporations and organizations as well as women who own their own businesses or work in small organizations. Programming provides both personal and professional development advice and advances the dialogue around women's issues, challenges and opportunities.

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