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## Possible Woman Awards Six Academic Scholarships

### Diverse Group of Women Get Chance to Achieve their Dreams through Education

#### WHO:

Possible Woman Foundation International, a 501(c)(3) awarding educational scholarships to women who otherwise may not have the opportunity to pursue their academic goals, announced the women who will receive the 2007 scholarships at the upcoming conference May 2 in Atlanta. The winners are a diverse group with a common goal: to increase their ability to support themselves and their families by pursuing higher education. Chosen from more than 1300 applications, these women's scholarships will allow them to accelerate their educations and attain their dreams more quickly.

This year's winners\* include women from across the US: Nancy Beichler, Louisville, KY; Kizuwanda Brewer, Knoxville, TN (moving to Atlanta); Jennifer Canale, San Francisco, CA; Jinaa Lane, Minneapolis, MN; Jacqueline Masei, Webster Groves, MO and Yolanda Schmidt, Closter, NJ. Their scholarships will be awarded at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Possible Woman Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center on May 2. This all-day conference features inspirational key note speeches by Marta Sahagun de Fox, former first lady of Mexico and renowned social activist and Colonel Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a shuttle mission, along with Atlanta's own Judge Glenda Hatchett and Jim Huling, CEO of MATRIX Resources. A portion of the conference proceeds benefit these scholarships.

"These women's dreams are varied, from wanting to pursue a career in special education and using culinary skills to heal cancer patients to bereavement counseling," commented Kim Annunziata, Chair of the Possible Woman Foundation and Southern Group Procurement Director, Waste Management, Inc. "What they have in common is an enormous amount of potential, coupled with the drive to make their lives and their communities better. These scholarships are powerful enablers that really do make great things possible for these women."

"The scholarships are the product of a lot of hard work by Possible Woman volunteers and supporters," said Denise Billups, Chair of the Possible Woman Foundation International Scholarship Committee and Director, Worldwide Software TeleWeb Sales Programs, IBM Corporation. "The number of applicants for our scholarship increases every year illustrating the need for this type of support. The selection committee does the hard work of choosing the winners, while our supporters and volunteers work hard to raise the money to make these scholarships a reality."

#### About Possible Woman Foundation International

Possible Woman Foundation International, Inc. (PWFI) was founded by Linda Wind in 2001 and operates as a not-for-profit organization. Its purpose is to support the development of an educational scholarship program for women who otherwise may not have the opportunity to pursue their academic goals. By providing non-traditional academic grants, PWFI helps women needing additional schooling to return to the workforce or further their careers.

The vision of the foundation is to foster educational experiences combined with strong mentoring, support and information resources providing women with the opportunity to advance professionally and personally in today's competitive environment. We believe that teamwork, integrity, collaboration and passion are the key elements in making a significant difference in women's lives in our current economy. It is our mission to enable women to become wealth creators for themselves and their families. The foundation is partially supported by the work of Possible Woman Enterprises.

#### About Possible Woman Enterprises

Possible Woman Enterprises is a corporation committed to the personal and professional development of the business executive and career woman. The company offers many types of Leadership Development conferences and customized training programs designed to give women the appropriate skills necessary not only to succeed in their careers, but also to effectively manage work/life balance issues essential to their health and well-being.

Possible Woman Enterprises emphasizes business development, diversity, and the opportunity for companies of all sizes to send their professional women to the premier woman's leadership conference in the Southeast. There they learn from state of the art leadership development programs hosted by nationally recognized speakers, experience key networking opportunities, and gain the ability to take their career to the next level, personally and professionally. A portion of all proceeds from the conferences benefit the Possible Woman Foundation International.

\* See attached sheet for a short backgrounder on each winner. Contact our media representative for interviews or more in-depth information.

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