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**ANNE LYNCH NAMED 2009 WINNER OF JEANNE LIND HERBERGER
AWARD AT 15TH ANNUAL FACES OF SUCCESS LUNCHEON**

*Longtime Community Activist to be Celebrated November 10th for Her Years of
Supporting Workforce Development Efforts for Women, Men and Youth*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (November 2, 2009) – When **Anne Lynch** reflects on her years serving Arizona Women's Education & Employment, also fondly known as AWEE, she recalls the half-a million dollar budget and few staff from the old days. Now she talks with excitement about the organization's important growth exceeding a \$3 million budget and serving thousands of women, men and youth each year through award-winning programs. The 2009 **Jeanne Lind Herberger** honoree hasn't tired from her 23 years on the AWEE board, including two stints as president. She instead will share that she's also served on many other boards for just as long. She's committed, thoughtful, engaged and a steady hand at leading through the many issue areas she's been a part of in her nearly four decades working and volunteering in the Phoenix community.

At the Faces of Success Luncheon - an annual Valley favorite - Lynch will receive the prestigious award, named after one of AWEE's early board members and most committed long-time supporters. The Herberger award recognizes women who have been at the forefront of AWEE's leadership, philanthropy and investment in workforce development for women, men, young adults.

"Anne has been a steady, go-to leader in our community for some time," remarked Jeanne Lind Herberger, the award's namesake. "She's been a pioneering woman in business, put herself out there for the community in the early years, and simply hasn't let up with her service and passion for making a difference. We're thrilled to celebrate her," Herberger added.

This year's 15th Annual celebration will take place on November 10th at 11:30 a.m. at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa. The Faces of Success Luncheon is renowned for its wacky competitions, where business and community leaders may be seen racing around a ballroom in heels, divulging hidden treasures tucked away in their handbags or providing spirited demonstrations of their cheerleading prowess in a bid to win one of the fabulous prize packages. Top sponsors include: Wells Fargo, Discover Financial Services, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, SRP, MidFirst Bank, Hidden Meadow Ranch, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Cox

Communications, Bank of America, Westcor, Maricopa Community College District, Johnson Carlier, Greenberg Traurig, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Deloitte and Allstate Insurance.

In addition to honoring outstanding community leaders like Anne Lynch, the Faces of Success Luncheon is also an opportunity to celebrate the inspiring AWEE participants who have charted new courses of hope, dignity and self-sufficiency with the organization's help. "I've always been moved by the stories and successes we hear and see coming out of AWEE," noted Lynch. "To be a small part of that effort over the years and realize we have changed lives and helped people get back to work has been an honor. Participation in our community and helping an organization like AWEE makes life better for all of us."

Lynch, a north central Phoenix resident, moved to Arizona with her husband, Bob, 37 years ago and continued her career in the phone industry, including as one of the first female managers in the old telephone company Mountain Bell. After early retirement in 1990, she directed a small non-profit agency, worked in Governor Jane Hull's administration, including serving as Deputy Secretary of State, and was active in a number of Arizona Republican Party positions. She is member and past chair of the Maricopa County Parks & Recreation Commission, member of Valley Leadership Class V, member and past Regent of Camelback Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and member of Phoenix Rotary 100.

As a Jeanne Lind Herberger Award recipient, Anne Lynch joins the ranks of a group of exceptional women that includes Dr. Clara Lovett, Ruth Downs, Governor Janet Napolitano, Elva Wingfield Coor, Betsey Bayless, Mary Jane Rynd, Deborah Carstens and Diane Cummings Halle.

For more information on AWEE or the 15th Annual Faces of Success Luncheon, or to purchase tickets to the luncheon, please visit AWEE.org or call (602) 223-4345.

About AWEE

Arizona Women's Education & Employment has been successfully investing in women, families and this community through life and career success planning, training and support for more than 28 years. To date, AWEE has served and supported nearly 90,000 women, men and young adults in their quest to attain quality jobs that create positive changes and successful beginnings for themselves and their families. For more information, contact AWEE at (602) 223-4333 or visit AWEE.org.

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