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**Women's Fund Honors Doris Heiser and Maria Rodriguez with  
the Lynde B. Uihlein Award**

(Milwaukee, Wis.) – This year the Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee, Inc. will honor two individuals, Doris Heiser and Maria Rodriguez with the Lynde B. Uihlein Award for their many outstanding contributions. The award recognizes individuals who have been exceptional contributors to the Women's Fund and supported the organization while serving the Milwaukee community.

"We are so fortunate to have Doris as a strong supporter of the Women's Fund and for her generous contributions for 22 consecutive years," said Women's Fund Executive Director Elaine Maly. "In fact, she is a founding member of this organization and it is through her dedication to serving the community and assisting in our goals, we have been able to accomplish all that we have."

Heiser has worked for the Greater Milwaukee Foundation since 1984 and currently serves as the Director of Donor Services. Her career profile includes president of the national NSFRE Foundation (now called the AFP -Association of Fundraising Professionals - Foundation for Philanthropy), the Milwaukee chapter of AFP, the Milwaukee County Historical Society Board, the Medical College's Digestive Disease Center's Board and Children's Service Society's Milwaukee Advisory Board.

"This is a special year in that we are also honoring Maria who served as a board member and on the grant advisory committee for six years," explained Maly. "She was instrumental in forming Latinas en Acción, a permanent community resource preserving a legacy of Latina advocacy, activism and leadership."

Since 1995, Rodriguez has been the Youth and Family Services Manager for the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee. Prior to this position she worked as staff assistance to the Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and as the Executive Director for the Milwaukee Election Commission.

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Women's Fund Lynde B. Uihlein Award

The Women's Fund will present the Lynde B. Uihlein Awards on Tuesday, June 9 at the 2009 Annual Celebration. Heiser and Rodriguez will receive a commemorative necklace commissioned by local artist Cathy Jakicic, and for each award winner a \$1,000 grant will be made in their name to the Women's Fund grant partner of her choice. The Annual Celebration will be held in Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, 5th Floor 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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*About the Women's Fund:* The Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee, Inc. is the largest permanent resource in Wisconsin dedicated exclusively to funding and advocacy for the emerging needs of women and girls. Its mission is to stand for social change through women and girls. We support women-led solutions to critical community issues by engaging women in the power of collective philanthropy, and by supporting robust organizations that address issues that impact women and girls. The Women's Fund is part of a network of 130 women's funds worldwide.