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**Four to be honored during 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Distinction Luncheon**

WAUKESHA, WI (April 17, 2024) – Three women and a Muskego High School student will be honored at the 40th annual Women of Distinction (WOD) Luncheon on Friday, May 17.

The luncheon, the signature annual event of the Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County (WGF), will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Brookfield Conference Center, 325 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield. The event honors the extraordinary accomplishments and leadership of women in Waukesha County. The Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County is proud to recognize the talents, skills and accomplishments of our honorees, whose efforts have contributed to improving the quality of life in our community.

“Empowerment knows no bounds when women come together in unity and strength. As the Chair and Co-Chair of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Distinction, we congratulate all the award winners and grant recipients who truly embody the spirit of excellence and resilience in Waukesha County. Join us for an inspiring afternoon to advance the health, well-being, and empowerment of women and girls in Waukesha County.” - Genevieve Schmidt, Chair of Women of Distinction and Robyn Ludtke, Co-Chair of Women of Distinction.

Honorees are:

- **Erin DeJarlais of Sussex, Senior Consultant, Inception Health of Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin.** Erin’s commitment to giving back to the community is evident through her extensive volunteer work. She actively participates in initiatives organized by Froedtert In Action, the United Way, Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Elmbrook United Soccer Club, and Women’s Soccer Club, among others. She is an active and compelling model for women and girls, and through speaking engagements and individual coaching, she encourages them to consider and pursue careers in health care.
- **Karlee Horlacher of Mukwonago, Corporate Account Manager at Inpro.** She has demonstrated her dedication to helping women and girls through her volunteer time at: Distinguished Young Women of Wisconsin, Life’s Connection and Hoovers House All Dog Rescue. Karlee consistently serves as an inspiration to women and girls alike through her unwavering commitment to empowering others.
- **Ana Simpson of Waukesha, Chief Executive Officer of Girls Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast.** Ana’s career, as well as her board and service commitments, demonstrate a dedication to removing barriers and advancing the potential of women from all backgrounds and all ages. In addition to her job as Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast, she is a member and volunteer with TEMPO Milwaukee, Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee, La Casa De Esperanza and Family Services of Waukesha.

• **Lily Pemble of Wind Lake, Senior at Muskego High School.** She is an active member of several national honor societies. She is also co-president of Muskego Best Buddies and is Vice President of Societe Honoraire de Francais. Lily is also a longtime Girl Scout and has earned her Gold Award, the highest awards in Girl Scouting. Lily plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering.

To register or learn more about the Luncheon visit [www.wgfwaukeshcounty.org](http://www.wgfwaukeshcounty.org), or contact Sue Juntunen at 262.875.3126 or [sue@wgfwaukeshacounty.org](mailto:sue@wgfwaukeshacounty.org).

The WGF, established in 2004, seeks to aid and enrich the lives of women and girls so they become thriving residents of their communities. The WGF annually awards grants to non-profit organizations that support projects and programs that promote the health and well-being, self-sufficiency and empowerment of women and girls of all ages.

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