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WELLCARE FOUNDATION FOUNDER TO BE HONORED

PHOENIX, AZ -- Marge Ebeling, RN, DCh, PhD, the founder of the WellCare Foundation, is being honored by The Harp Foundation at this year's "Celebrating Women" afternoon tea event on Sunday May 22 at the Phoenix Art Museum.

The Harp Foundation's "Celebrating Women" afternoon tea will honor significant Valley women who have made a difference in Arizona's healthcare industry. The Harp Foundation, which promotes wellness by providing unique instrumental harp music in therapeutic settings in hospitals, hospices and for individuals with special needs, will treat guests to afternoon tea, savory and sweet small bites, beautiful harp music and a self exploration of the art museum. Cynthia Richmond, Los Angeles Times columnist, author, and frequent guest on *Oprah*, *Dr. Phil* and *The View*, will serve as the keynote speaker with an enthralling interactive expose on the power of interpreting our dreams.

The WellCare Foundation, founded by Ebeling in 1999, is a non-profit organization providing free, integrated, primary healthcare to single, working mothers and their children who are not reliant on State assistance and cannot afford the cost of health insurance or to pay out-of-pocket for needed care. Since its inception, WellCare has built a network of more than 135 healthcare practitioners and five clinics, and they have plans to expand to continue to provide quality healthcare to single working mothers and their children.

"We approach our health services with the understanding that each person we treat is a part of the community circle," said Ebeling. "By improving the health and wellness of our moms and children, we can help them transform their lives and keep their families together. Once empowered by greater health, they can contribute back to the community around them, completing the circle of service."

Marge Ebeling, RN, DCh, PhD, has dedicated her life to helping those in need. In 1999,

she started The WellCare Foundation, using her education in both nursing and religious studies to provide patients with whole-person care, helping them heal physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. With five clinics and over 135 volunteer practitioners, The WellCare Foundation has provided more than \$2.8 million in care since its inception.

Throughout her career, Ebeling has earned many honors, all of which illustrate the enormous impact she has had on the lives around her. Her achievements include receiving Fresh Start Women's Foundation 2010 East Valley Woman of the Year; Arizona Public Health Association Board 2009 Commitment to Underserved People (CUP) Award; membership on the Governor's Commission on the Health Status of Women and Families; Women of Achievement World Award from the Phoenix chapter of the Cactus-Pine Girl Scouts; finalist for the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Athena Award; Victoria Lund Community Service Award; KTVK Channel 3 Jewell McFarland Woman of the Year Award; and the Phoenix Business Journal Healthcare Heroes Award. Marge is also a member of a number of community service organizations, including Charter 100, Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits, Small Business Association and the American Holistic Nurses Association.

The additional Harp Foundation honorees at the "Celebrating Women" afternoon tea are

- Sherry Lund - Founder, Celebration Stem Cell Centre (and also a WellCare Foundation Board Member)
- Linda Hunt - CEO, St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center and Catholic Healthcare West, Arizona
- Dr. Gladys McGarey - "The Mother of Holistic Medicine" & Founder, Gladys Taylor McGarey Medical Foundation
- Rev. Dr. Dosa Carlson - Founder, DUET

For more information on the WellCare Foundation, please visit www.wellcarefoundation.org or call (602) 263-7619.

To register to attend the "Celebrating Women" event on May 22, please contact The Harp Foundation at 602-265-4014 or by email to info@theharpfoundation.org.

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