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Christy Webber Inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame

CHICAGO, MARCH 14, 2008 – On March 12, 2008, Chicago entrepreneur, Christy Webber, was inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. Richard Walsh of De Vroomen Holland Garden Products nominated Webber for her “entrepreneurial achievements and the lasting impact she has made on Chicago’s business community” as president of Christy Webber Landscapes. The Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) hosted the event at the Chicago Hilton and Towers.

About Christy Webber Landscapes

Christy Webber Landscapes is a full-service landscape provider offering design, construction and maintenance programs to residential, commercial and municipal clients throughout Chicago. Webber followed her love for the outdoors and her father’s entrepreneurial spirit, founding the company in 1990. In the early days, Webber ran one truck and a small crew from her kitchen table. Today, the company has over 200 employees and an expansive fleet of trucks, trailers and equipment serving Chicago. The company’s work consists of a healthy balance of residential, commercial and municipal customers all located within the city limits of Chicago.

In addition to her work in the landscaping industry, Webber recently formed a development company called Chicago GreenWorks. The company’s first project was Rancho Verde, an eco-industrial park on Chicago’s west side. Rancho Verde has won numerous awards for its environmentally sensitive approach to redeveloping a brownfield site in a disadvantaged community. Some of the site’s innovative features are a unique stormwater management system (including a green roof, bioswales and a rain garden) and the first Chicago public street with porous paving and induction street lighting. Also located on the site and designed in this same spirit is Christy Webber Landscapes’ headquarters building. In 2007, the building was awarded a LEED Platinum rating, the US Green Building Council’s highest classification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

About the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame

Since 1985, the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame has recognized innovative business leaders in Chicago’s seven-county area. Each year, the Hall of Fame inducts distinguished entrepreneurs who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and business talent by founding or growing their respective business.

Past inductees to UIC's Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame include: Robert J. Abt of Abt Electronics; John W. Baird of Baird & Warner; Robert W. Galvin of Motorola; Michael P. Krasny of CDW Computer Centers, Inc.; Gordon Segal of Crate & Barrel; and Charlie Trotter of Charlie Trotter's.