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### **Women's Legacy Fund Appoints New Executive Committee**

Fort Myers, FL (July 9, 2010) – The Women's Legacy Fund (WLF) of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation has recently appointed its 2010-2011 Executive Committee members: Kathy Sturgis, Linda Uhler, Peg Gray-Vickrey, Nina Paight, Louise Senneff, Jane de Lisser, Lou Pontius, Brenda Tate, Tammy Surratt, Georgia Darehshori, Gay Thompson, and Maryanne Olson. Ms. Kathy Sturgis is the new WLF Chair and Ms. Linda Uhler is the new WLF Vice Chair.

The Women's Legacy Fund was established in 2007 by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to enable women in Southwest Florida to direct their giving in focused, strategic ways. The fund's mission is to improve the quality of life in Southwest Florida through a woman's perspective.

Through an active membership and their annual grant program, the WLF works to inspire women to become leaders in philanthropy, educates women and the community on current issues and philanthropic strategies, and empowers women to strengthen the community from their unique giving perspective. Membership in the Women's Legacy Funds is open to all women, and they may join at any time of the year.

In addition to building an endowed Field of Interest fund, the WLF gives the other half of all membership contributions back to the community in the form of annual grants. At their luncheon each fall, members vote on what area of focus they feel is most important for granting purposes for the coming year. Research is conducted on the focus area and agencies are invited to apply for the grant cycle. Grants are then awarded at their spring luncheon. In just three years of existence, the WLF has been able to provide \$37,000 in grants to benefit people and communities in Southwest Florida.

Women interested in finding out more about the Women's Legacy Fund are invited to visit online at [www.floridacommunity.com/womens-legacy-fund](http://www.floridacommunity.com/womens-legacy-fund), or call the Southwest Florida Community Foundation office at 239-274-5900.

*The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has been supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties for over 33 years. Through 331 endowed funds, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$46 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. For more information, please call 274-5900, or visit our website at [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com).*

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