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Five to be honored at Women of Distinction luncheon May 2

WAUKESHA (March 29, 2017) – Three Waukesha County women, a Carroll University student and an Arrowhead High School student will be honored at the 33nd annual Women of Distinction luncheon May 2.

The luncheon, an annual event of the Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County, will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Country Springs Hotel, 2810 Golf Road, Waukesha.

Honorees are:

- **Pamila Brown**, recently retired as Community Investment Program Manager at ManpowerGroup, where she became a skilled mentor who won praise for her dedication and commitment. For 10 years, she helped organize ManpowerGroup's Ready, Set, Work! Women's Job Seminar. A leader in corporate volunteerism, she ran employee giving campaigns for United Way and the United Performing Arts Fund, and organized colleagues to volunteer for many community groups, including Junior Achievement, the Next Door Foundation, Hunger Task Force, and the United Community Center. She also volunteered extensively for Easter Seals and Pearls for Teen Girls.

- **Christine Fenske-Eben**, a partner at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, and a founding member of the firm's initiative GROW (Growth and Retention of Women), which provides opportunities for Baker Tilly's female professionals to advance toward leadership roles. She is chair of the ProHealth Care Foundation's board of directors and co-chaired multimillion-dollar fundraising campaigns for the UW ProHealth Cancer Center and the Sixteenth Street Clinic. She has served in leadership roles for fundraising for the Milwaukee Art Museum, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, the American Heart Association, the YMCA of Greater Waukesha County and Milwaukee Women Inc.

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• **Cathy Kozlowicz**, who worked more than 12 years at the Literacy Council of Greater Waukesha, developing and expanding the basic literacy and the English as a Second Language programs. In 2014, she founded Literacy for All (LFA), which focuses on those who have general skills, but are not performing at a competitive level. LFA helps people gain higher paying jobs, improve academic skills, and understand wealth management. She is a national ProLiteracy trainer and coordinated book discussions for Waukesha Reads. She has worked with instructors at Waukesha County Technical College to help students earn their high school diploma.

• **Emina Halilovic**, a senior at Carroll University, whose childhood in war-torn Bosnia and experience in a refugee family inspired her to devote her life to improving the lives of others. In 2015, she started Walking in Their Shoes, which raised \$2,300 in 2016 to provide meals and transportation to school for eight children in Bosnia. This summer, Emina will return to Bosnia to implement a tutoring program she created. She has volunteered more than 3,000 hours at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and dreams of being a pediatrician. After her 2018 graduation from Carroll, she will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine.

• **Annie Bartosz**, a freshman at Arrowhead High School, who turned the sorrow of losing her twin brother to cancer at age 10 into a mission. Understanding the idea of pink and October that represent breast cancer, what, Annie wondered, is the color and month representing childhood cancer. “Gold,” her mother Sarah replied. “And September.” And so, Gold in September (G9) was born. Since 2014, G9 has raised more than \$2 million for pediatric cancer research and to raise awareness of childhood cancer. A Kohl’s regional scholarship winner, she hopes to be a doctor. She was chosen one of Massachusetts General Hospital’s The 100, which honors those whose commitment to the fight against cancer inspires others.

For information about the Women of Distinction luncheon or to reserve a ticket, visit the Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County website www.wgfwaukeshacounty.org

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