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**Women's Initiative Proudly Presents the 2017 Outstanding Women of
Northern Kentucky Honorees**

Fort Mitchell, KY– The Women's Initiative is pleased to announce this year's Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky honorees. The professional accomplishments of these talented women are an example of the tremendous role models we have in our community.

2017 Outstanding Women of NKY Honorees:

- Maryanne McGowan, Manager, Strategy & Implementation, Duke Energy
- Gabriel Summe, Kenton County Clerk

2017 Emerging Leader Award:

Katie Meyer, Executive Director, Renaissance Covington

2017 Helen Carroll Champion of Education Award:

Dr. Kathlyn Burkhardt, Ed.D., Superintendent, Erlanger-Elsmere School District

2017 Henrietta Cleveland Inspiring Women Award:

presented by St. Elizabeth Healthcare

Joan Tepe Wurtenberger, Senior Principal, Champlin Architecture

2017 Judith Clabes Lifetime Achievement Award:

Linda M. Young, Executive Director, Welcome House

2017 Nancy Janes Boothe Scholarship:

- Leigh Ann Hoskins, Gateway Community & Technical College
- Victoria Boerger, Northern Kentucky University
- Laura Berkemeier, Thomas More College

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Event Details:

The Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards Luncheon will be held **11:30am - 1:30pm** on **April 5, 2017** at the St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center, Erlanger, KY, 41018. Join us to recognize several outstanding women of Northern Kentucky!

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$40. For more information, contact Gina Bath at 859-578-6384 or register online at www.nkychamber.com/OWNK.

Various levels of sponsorships are available for the event. Current sponsors include:

Title Sponsor: St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Education Partners: Toyota, Northern Kentucky University, Thomas More College and Gateway Community & Technical College.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Diana McGlade at 859-578-6381.

Event History:

The Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards were created in 1984 by the late Nancy Boothe, wife of then-Northern Kentucky University President Leon Boothe and were sponsored by the Kentucky Post. After the newspaper closed in 2008, Toyota became the major sponsor, assumed responsibility for event production and supported the scholarship program.

With the 2014 announcement of Toyota's headquarters consolidation and eventual relocation to Texas, the program was again in need of a champion to carry the torch to honor amazing, trailblazing women. The Women's Initiative of the NKY Chamber of Commerce has adopted this program and will continue its remarkable legacy.

Over the past 33 years, more than 160 women have been honored for their outstanding service, integrity and leadership.

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The Women's Initiative of the NKY Chamber, sponsored by PNC Bank, started in 2008 and is the leading organization for women of all career stages to connect, grow and achieve for business and professional success. The Women's Initiative offers a continuum of growth for women of all ages and stages of their careers.

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Inc., founded in 1969, is the leading business organization in Northern Kentucky. It is a Five-Star Accredited Chamber with nearly 1,500 member companies representing approximately 175,000 employees. The Chamber focuses its efforts on education, workforce development, international trade, leadership development, and government relations at the federal, state and local level. Bob Heil, Principal, President & CEO of KLH Engineers, is the Chairman of the Board and Trey Grayson is the President and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Additional information on the Chamber is available at www.nkychamber.com.