



## E-Award Winners Raise the Bar for Next-Generation Women

The Tennessee Economic Summit for Women today announced the winners of the 2011 Excellence and Equity Awards (E-Awards) to honor individuals and companies that are role models for economic success, and tangibly have improved the quality of life for women and girls in Tennessee. Each year, the **TECW** selection committee accepts nominations from its membership and selects six winners – one for each Grand Division of Tennessee in both the Corporate and Individual categories. This year’s honorees will be recognized at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Summit for Women (ESW) on October 24 at the Nashville Airport Marriott.

“This year’s E-Award recipients show how the principles of ‘Excellence, Equity and Equality’ proudly can be upheld across sectors and among organizations of all types and sizes,” said **Carol Danehower, TECW Chair**. “Each honoree is an exemplar for young women aspiring to ever-greater heights, and also sets new precedents for each company headquartered in our state and every individual that does business here.” The 2011 winners are:

Grand Division	Corporate E-Award	Individual E-Award
Middle Tennessee	<b>The Bun Companies</b> Nashville, Cordia Harrington, CEO	<b>Sherrie Deutschman</b> Nashville, CEO LetterLogic
East Tennessee	<b>Miller &amp; Martin, PLLC</b> Chattanooga, Melvin J. Malone, Chairman	<b>Ruth Smiley</b> Oak Ridge, TN President, American Association of University Women (AAUW)
West Tennessee	<b>OR Nurses, Inc.</b> Memphis, Denise Gaither Burnett, President	<b>Carolyn Hardy</b> Memphis, President & CEO, Hardy Bottling Company

The Corporate E-Award recipients are selected based on gender equity in its hiring practices, supporting women to realize their potential and rise within the company without limits, and providing opportunities for women to serve their communities. The Individual E-Awards are selected based on extraordinary professional achievement, and servant leadership within the community and as a role model for other women.

“The Foundation and Council look forward to presenting this year’s E-Awards on October 24,” said **Danehower**, “and we are particularly grateful to ESW Premier Sponsor, St. Thomas Health Services, for making possible this year’s superb lineup of speakers and programs.”

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**[About the Tennessee Economic Summit for Women](#)**

The Tennessee Economic Summit for Women (ESW) is an annual event established to help Tennessee women become economically self-sufficient. It is presented by the Women's Economic Council Foundation, Inc. and the Tennessee Economic Council on Women.

Since the event began in 2004, thousands of women have gathered at the ESW to hear expert speakers discuss women's economic issues such as medical costs, financial planning and literacy, business ownership and development and political participation. Speakers have included Patricia Schroeder, Marie Wilson, Sandra Day O'Connor, Robin Gerber, Helen Thomas, Gail Evans, Governor Phil Bredesen, Dee Dee Myers and Gloria Steinem.

The 2011 event will take place on October 24, with featured speakers including Jean Chatzky of NBC's Today Show, Kathy Hannan, National Managing Partner of Diversity and Corporate Responsibility, KPMG, and The Honorable Beth Harwell, Speaker, TN House of Representatives.

For further information visit <http://womenseconomicfoundation.org/about.html>

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