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Greater KC Women's Political Caucus Announces Awardees

Kansas City (MO) - The Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus is pleased to announce the 2008 Torch Dinner awardees. Four individuals and one organization will be recognized during the **Torch Dinner** on **Wednesday September 24, 2008** at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center.

For ticket information on attending the Torch Dinner please go to: www.gkcwpc.org

The award winners are as follows:

The Torch Award: **Megan Hall** The Torch award is given to a young woman of promise who has been very involved with the Caucus and committed to its mission and plans to continue her career in public service.

The Erika S. Fox Pillar Award: **Mo State Senator Jolie Justus** The Pillar award is given to a remarkable role model of political accomplishment to the benefit of women and women's issues.

The Mel Carnahan Good Guy Award: **Pedro Irigonegaray** The Good Guy award is given to a male community leader who has supported the Caucus' mission of promoting women and women's issues.

Community Service Award: **MAINstream Coalition** The Community Service award is given for outstanding accomplishment and representation of the power of women through community service.

Harriett Woods Guardian of the Flame Award: **Rosemary Smithson** The Guardian of the Flame award is given to those who keep the fire of freedom and justice burning for women in the greater Kansas City area.

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Mission of the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus:

The mission of the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus is to recruit, train and elect individuals who support public policies that advance equal rights and opportunities for women, and to promote participation by women in the political process.