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**OUTSTANDING WOMEN AWARDS PROGRAM
HONORS CHICAGO'S FINEST PROFESSIONALS**

CHICAGO (Mar. 19, 2007) – On behalf of the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Clerk's Office Women's Advisory Committee presents its third annual "Outstanding Women Program" at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, East Lobby.

Eight women will be awarded for their exemplary handling of highly responsible positions in business and media industries.

"Many women own and/or manage very successful businesses, yet they are not always recognized for their efforts," said Clerk Brown. "I am proud to host this program to honor them and highlight their accomplishments."

The award recipients include: **Zully Alvarado**, creator of designer shoes for the disabled and founder of Silverado Financial Services; **Gina Buda**, president of Progressive Driving School; **Ann Christophersen**, co-founder and co-owner of Women and Children First Bookstore; **Calvita Frederick-Sowell, Esq.**, CEO of Magnolia Spice Teas; **Suzanne Haney**, editor of *Streetwise* magazine; **Theresa Fambro Hooks** of the *Chicago Defender* newspaper; **Joanna Bohenek**, vice president of Polamaer Inc., Polvision Ethnic Television and Polnet Communications; and **Tyra Banks**, CEO of Nine and Up, Inc.

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