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FUNERAL SERVICE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS
WOMEN IN FUNERAL SERVICE

Scholarships awarded to NFDA Professional Women's Conference
FSF announces new "Women in Funeral Service" Fund

Brookfield, Wis.—The Funeral Service Foundation (FSF) awarded five scholarships to select attendees of the 2008 NFDA Professional Women's Conference in April. At the conference, FSF also announced its new Women in Funeral Service Fund, dedicated exclusively to supporting the advancement of female funeral service professionals.

Scholarships included registration to the conference, held April 10-13 in St. Petersburg, Fla., and a \$400 travel stipend. Recipients included Terrie Lynn Lockwood, owner and manager of Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling, Mich.; Cindy Phillips, advanced planning consultant and funeral director intern at Brooks Funeral Care in Clive, Iowa; Patricia Moody, licensed funeral director, embalmer and funeral celebrant with TLC & Memories in Stonington, Conn.; Anne Haas, funeral director and embalmer at Robert L. Crooks Funeral Center in West Alexandria, Ohio; and Andrea Wasley, managing partner, funeral director and embalmer for Carriage Services at Bailey Funeral Home in Plainville, Conn.

Recipients were recognized by FSF Executive Director Melinda Mueller at an awards luncheon on April 12. Bios of scholarship winners are posted on FSF's Web site, www.funeralservicefoundation.org.

"The Professional Women's Conference involves women in the process of making decisions that impact the future of funerals," said scholarship winner and second-career funeral director-intern, Cindy Phillips. "Together we shared concerns and opinions on issues that impact our service and profession. Participating in this conference reinforced my decision to enter funeral service, and that this is a profession that will be personally satisfying and success-filled."

In addition to awarding scholarships, the Funeral Service Foundation announced a new fund, the Women in Funeral Service Fund. The new fund will support scholarships, grants, programs and research to advance females in funeral service. The first contributors to the Women in Funeral Service Fund included Wilbert Funeral Services, Nomis Publications, and several women who attended FSF Fund Day, a social event and fundraiser at the conference.

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Scholarships to the 2008 conference were sponsored by Nomis Publications, Deaton-Kennedy, Messenger, and attendees of FSF Fund Day.

Applications for scholarships to attend the 2009 NFDA Professional Women's Conference in Austin, Texas will be available from FSF in January, 2009.

The Funeral Service Foundation, through grants, scholarships and research initiatives, supports career and professional development in funeral service, the advancement of funeral service and allied professions, public awareness and education, and the improvement of children's lives. For more information, visit www.funeralservicefoundation.org.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: 2008 Professional Women's Conference Scholarship Winners From left to right: FSF Executive Director Melinda Mueller, Andrea Wasley, Terrie Lynn Lockwood, Patricia Moody, Cindy Phillips, Anne Haas

