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SUMMER MIXER DRAWS DOLLARS, DRESSES AND DAMES FOR LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

(Phoenix, AZ – June 16, 2003) Individuals needing a helping hand up or perhaps a career ensemble or two, received a boost from the “Friends of AWEE Summer Salute to Working Women” reception held in June. The cocktail reception brought in \$4,500 and truckloads of clothing (Ralph Lauren and Liz Claiborne!) for Arizona Women’s Education & Employment (AWEE).

More than 70 guests joined hosts Judi Butterworth, Kathy Hancock, Sarah Jensen, Dorene Longfellow, Jordan Rich Rose and Christa Severns at the Marco Polo Supper Club to raise funds and career clothing to support the organization’s mission to *move people to economic independence and well-being through the dignity of work.*

Those in attendance included Senator Barbara Leff, Pat Curtin of Congressman Shadegg’s office, Cassandra Mason Motz of the Phoenix Police Department and Sue Navran of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona. Phoenix City Manager Andrea Tevlin, Paula Adkins of General Dynamics, Katherine Pullen, Lois Savage and Mary Leader were also in attendance.

“This event proved to be so successful and such a great friend-raiser for AWEE that we have committed to do it again in the Fall,” said organizer Judi Butterworth. “The event’s success was topped off by the generous support of Marco Polo Supper Club; Richter-Schroeder Company, Inc.; Commercial Mortgage; Regent Capital Funding Residential Mortgage; Fennemore Craig; and The Jeweler’s Source,” said Butterworth.

AWEE annually impacts the lives of nearly 1,400 individuals (primarily women) and their children in Maricopa and Yavapai counties. Hailed by the White House as a Daily Point of Light in 1991, AWEE continues to make a positive difference in the lives of people who face challenges with domestic violence, job loss, divorce from or death of a spouse, or seek assistance with transportation or child care to achieve successful employment. For more information, contact AWEE at (602) 223-4333 or visit www.awee.org.

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