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Presentation of the Calvin A. Michaels Community Service Award
Comments by Joanne Bluethenthal

Good afternoon. It is my pleasure to present the **CALVIN A. MICHAELS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD.**

Walker just described for us the exciting directions in which The Community Foundation is headed, including new permanent endowments. As he pointed out, the Women to Women Endowment has already taken off quite successfully, having raised over \$1.1 million in less than a year.

Women to Women would not have been possible without four women who care deeply about women's issues and their Greensboro community.

About two years ago, **LISA BULLOCK**, then a member of our board of directors, attended a conference of community foundations in Boston. There, she learned of inspiring community foundation initiatives taking place in other areas of the country, endeavors organized and carried out by women for women. **Lisa** simply could not believe that our Community Foundation in Greensboro did not have a women's fund – and, fired up, she was intent on making sure we would.

Very quickly, **Lisa** found three other women who shared her vision and who jumped into the effort wholeheartedly: **LOUISE BRADY, ANN LINEWEAVER** and **LINDA SLOAN.**

Linda was quite passionate about the issues. She was determined to realize the big picture of what could be changed in Greensboro through Women to Women. She had a vision of how

women could, quote, “be the change we want to see in the world” – a quote borrowed from The New York Times.

Louise, who co-founded the Future Fund with her husband, Jim, already understood the power of collective giving. She knew a women’s fund was possible – and that women would come together to make a positive impact in Greensboro.

And **Ann**, who has been part of The Community Foundation from the beginning and served as our chair from 1997 to 1999, brought her considerable fundraising skills to the table – as well as her history of promoting the power of women.

Together, through what they dubbed “**The Power of the Purse,**” these four women have done what no one thought possible, particularly during the adverse economic times we are now struggling through. Despite the sharp economic downturn, these women prevailed – and succeeded – by raising more than \$1.1 million for Greensboro’s *only permanent fund for women*.

For their perseverance, proven leadership, creativity, determination and setting the bar high for all of us in giving back, **The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro proudly bestows its CALVIN A. MICHAELS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** to

LOUISE BRADY

LISA BULLOCK

ANN LINEWEAVER

And

LINDA SLOAN