

Nonprofit Organization – “Emerge” – Empowers Women Through Education

Same Mission, New Organization Name

Atlanta (Oct. 11, 2010) – A nonprofit group that has helped dozens of women pursue their dreams of higher education and a better life is adopting a new name – “Emerge Scholarships, Inc.”

Formerly known as Possible Women Foundation International (PWFI), Emerge provides scholarships to women whose educations have been interrupted, who have overcome significant challenges and who give back to their communities. Scholarship applications are now being accepted through January 5, 2011.

While the name is new, the mission remains the same. “Since 2001 we have helped hard-working, deserving and community-oriented women emerge into a new life,” said Kathy Leggett Eldridge, chair of the Emerge board. The organization has provided more than \$200,000 in academic scholarships to 49 women over the past nine years. This April, the group awarded \$5,000 academic scholarships to seven women at its annual event, Orchidea – A Celebration of New Beginnings. Emerge hopes to award ten \$5,000 scholarships in honor of its tenth anniversary at the Orchidea luncheon planned for March 2, 2011.

The benefits of the women’s achievements are shared with their families and the community as a whole. “The ripples started by those 49 awards continue to spread outward and we anticipate great success as we continue to make waves,” Eldridge added.

Emerge is funded solely through public contributions and personal donations from board members. To apply for a scholarship, or to make a tax-exempt donation to Emerge, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit foundation, visit www.emergescholarships.org. One hundred percent of outside financial contributions directly fund scholarships for deserving women.

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