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Spirit of St. Louis (SOS) Women's Fund Elects Officers and Board Members

ST. LOUIS – The 200-plus members of the **Spirit of St. Louis (SOS) Women's Fund** has elected **Vicki Sheehan**, president of Sheehan Investment Services, as president for a two-year term. Sheehan succeeds **Shelby Schagrín**, who founded SOS in 2006. Sheehan has served on several non-profit and professional boards, including YWCA, Junior League of St. Louis, Haven of Grace, Independence Center, Community School and Midwest BankCentre.

Joining Sheehan as SOS officers are **Lynn Dole**, secretary, and **Ann Sutter**, treasurer. Dole currently volunteers with the Jewish Food Pantry and College Bound. Sutter is senior vice president of commercial lending at Midwest BankCentre. She is president of WomenConnect and volunteers with Horizon Housing Foundation, Puttin' for Down Syndrome, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Sunnyhill, Inc.

Other newly appointed board members include **Susan Block**, immediate past co-chair; **Marie Casey**, chair, communications; **Linda Finerty**, chair, education; **Felice Joyce** and **Elaine Queathem**, co-chairs, grant-making; **Shelby Schagrín**, immediate past co-chair; **Mary Schoolman**, chair, impact; and **Gwen Wesley**, chair, membership. They join existing board members **Pat Cole, M.D.**; **Alison Ferring**; **Norma Fitzwater**; **Parker McMillan**; **Ilene Ordower**, chair, nominating; **Gayle Palmer**; **Pam Trapp**; and **Carol Wall**.

Founded in 2006, the 200-plus members of SOS contribute \$1,200 annually in five-year commitment spans to fund grants for St. Louis area nonprofit organizations. In 2009, SOS awarded \$195,000 in grants to 13 local nonprofits. Since its founding, SOS has awarded 37 grants totaling \$500,000 to support 28 organizations. For more information or to join, visit www.soswomensfund.org.

SOS is a component fund of the **Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation**. The Foundation helps St. Louisans put charitable dollars to work making a difference in the lives of others within our region, across the nation, and around the world. A 501 (c)(3) public charity, the Foundation is composed of more than 400 charitable funds, each representing a unique charitable giving partnership with an individual, family, or business. With total assets in excess of \$150 million, these funds grant \$15 million annually. Learn more at www.gstlcf.org or by calling (314) 588-8200.

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Editor's note: The **Spirit of St. Louis (SOS) Women's Fund** is located at the **Greater St. Louis Community Foundation** at 319 N. 4th St. in St. Louis, Mo. (63102).

SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORGANIZED BY ZIP CODE OF RESIDENCE:

Gwen Wesley resides in Florissant, Mo. (63034).

Marie Casey, Pat Cole, M.D., Norma Fitzwater, Shelby Schagrin and Mary Schoolman are residents of Clayton, Mo. (63105).

Alison Ferring is a resident of St. Louis' Central West End. (63108).

Ann Sutter lives in South St. Louis City, Mo. (63116).

Linda Finerty, Elaine Queathem and Vicki Sheehan are residents of Webster Groves, Mo. (63119).

Felice Joyce, Parker McMillan, Gayle Palmer and Carol Wall live in Ladue, Mo. (63124).

Susan Block and Pam Trapp are residents of Town and Country, Mo. (63131).

Lynn Dole and Ilene Ordower live in Creve Coeur, Mo. (63141).