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Champlin named as a Remarkable Woman in Business

Recognized for accomplishments in education, counseling and community service

Hartford, Conn., June 6, 2006 — Whether helping professional adults determine their career paths, designing curriculum for corporate leadership programs or giving back her valuable time to the community she grew up in, Gail Champlin has led an exciting life journey. That journey just yielded her the recognition as one of the eight most **Remarkable Women in Business** for 2006.

As long time director of The Career Counseling Center, University of Hartford, Champlin has dedicated the last 37 years working for non-profit organizations, including 23 years as the Center's director. Native to Hartford, Conn., Gail has devoted her time and energy to volunteering and working to provide social and career services through non-profit agencies in the Hartford region.

Gail said the secret to her success is finding time to rejuvenate each night when she travels to her North Canton home. "I make sure I find time to get away from it all. My passion is gardening, so I spend as much of my free time outside as possible."

After receiving her B.A. in Sociology at the University of Hartford and her M.S.W. at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Gail began her 14-year career in social work at the YWCA. In 1982, she took on a leadership role at The Career Counseling Center, University of Hartford, which at that time was part of the Hartford College for Women.

Best known for her ability to design and champion new programs, Gail, along with a team of people that she gathered together, created the first Sexual Assault Crisis service in Connecticut as well as the Hartford Women's Network while at the YWCA. At the Center, Gail has pioneered programs such as the Youth Development Practitioner Academy and The Entrepreneurial Center.

Throughout her life, Gail has volunteered her time with many community organizations, including the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women and the Hartford Child Care Collaborative. She is also a lecturer at Saint Joseph College, and a field work instructor at both the University of Connecticut and Saint Joseph College.

Gail has received numerous other awards throughout her career, including Women in the Trades Advocate of the Year by the PCSW in 2004, the AAUW Programs Toward Equity Award in 1995, as well as Greater Hartford Woman of the Year in 1986.