

Women's Network and Delta Systems Group present

# The 13th Annual Debin Benish Outstanding Businesswoman Award



Debin Benish started Delta Systems Group at a time when women were not encouraged to venture out on their own, not to mention in a technology field. During her 18 years in business, Debin and her staff trained thousands of people in Mid-Missouri on many different software programs and provided computer network support to hundreds of companies.

In addition to achieving great success in her company, Debin was actively involved in the Chamber and Women's Network. She served on the Chamber Board of Directors, Accreditation Task Force, Business Conference and Showcase Committee, Government Affairs, Education, Leadership Columbia, Women's Network Business Owners Committee, and Ambassadors.

Debin had a philanthropic heart. She and the Delta Systems staff quietly assisted many charities and non-profits with their technology needs, such as the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, and she served on countless technology committees and boards. Among the most noteworthy accomplishments are the revolutionizing of the registration process for the biannual MU blood drives by creating the system that is still used to this day to assist in minimizing donor wait times. For all these reasons and her corporate mantra of providing excellent customer service and caring for projects, the Chamber honored Debin and Delta Systems as the 1992 Small Business of the Year and again in 2005 as a Small Business of the Year Finalist.

To honor Debin's memory of volunteering and supporting small businesses, the Women's Network, in conjunction with Delta Systems Group, would like to select a businesswoman who has achieved great success in her business to receive the annual Debin Benish Outstanding Businesswoman Award.

## **If you know a Columbia businesswoman who:**

- exhibits leadership in supporting small business
- has a record of volunteering in the community
- is a mentor to other business women
- owns (or is employed by) a Chamber-member business, preferably a Women's Network member

## **Nominate Her Today!**

The recipient of the award will receive a \$1,000 grant from Women's Network and Delta Systems Group. The winner will be announced at the Chamber Annual Meeting in June.

(Application guidelines on back)



# Nomination Form

## Nominee Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

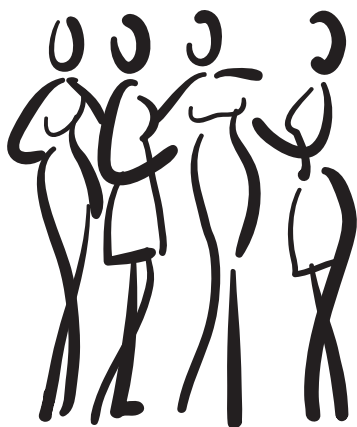
(Company must be a Chamber Member)

Nominated by (your name): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a letter which answers the following:

- 1. LEADERSHIP:** How has she provided leadership in supporting small business and small business owners in our community, state and/or nation?
- 2. VOLUNTEERING:** What is her record of volunteering in the community and the impact or difference her service made?
- 3. MENTORING:** How has she been a mentor to other businesswomen both inside and outside her organization?
- 4. AGENT OF CHANGE:** How has she influenced, created, or assisted positive change in the lives of people in our community, state and/or nation?
- 5. LETTERS:** Please obtain 1 to 3 letters of recommendation from other individuals to provide us with more insight on the scope and extent of the above mentioned items.



**Deadline to submit is May 12, 2017**

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