

****PRESS RELEASE****

Mariah Fenton Gladis Receives Living Legacy Award

MALVERN, PA – September 29, 2008 – Mariah Fenton Gladis has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious “Living Legacy Award,” given by the Women’s International Center. Ms. Gladis is among 10 recipients of this year’s award, which celebrates the accomplishments and positive and lasting contributions of women.

Ms. Gladis will be given the award at a ceremony in San Diego, California, on Saturday evening, October 11, 2008. The award evening, titled The 25th Annual Celebration of Women and Excellence, includes an entire evening retrospective of the birth, growth and future of the Women’s International Center, remembering past and current Living Legacy Honorees and a special tribute to those who have passed. The 2008 awards are dedicated to Lady Bird Johnson and Eleanor Roosevelt with a special tribute to Benazir Bhutto.

Mariah Fenton Gladis, MSS, QCSW, is the founder and clinical director of the Pennsylvania Gestalt Center for Psychotherapy and Training and is on the faculty of Esalen Institute. An internationally renowned psychotherapist and workshop leader, Mariah has trained hundreds of human services professionals. She serves on the Board of Advisors of Camp Dreamcatcher—a camp for children affected/infected with HIV/AIDS, and is faculty and trainer for Center for a Healthy World, a volunteer-driven psychotherapy cooperative. Mariah also counsels people with life threatening illnesses and their families, hoping her personal story will serve as an inspiration.

Mariah has received a Social Worker of the Year award from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), a Pennsylvania State House of Representatives and State Senate Citation for Recognition of Community Service, the Chairman’s Choice Award for Citizenship from the Great Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Lifetime Achievement Award from Marymount University, an Achievement Award from Fighting Back, a rehabilitation program dedicated to those recovering from traumatic illness, the International Stevie Award for Women in Business, and the Hope and Courage Award from the ALS Association.

Mariah continues to be a loving wife, a doting mother, an author and motivational speaker. She recently published her first book, *Tales of a Wounded Healer*. More information on Mariah can be found at www.gestaltcenter.com and www.wounded-healer.com

Women’s International Center (WIC) was founded in 1982 as a non-profit education and service foundation (501c3) with the mission to ‘acknowledge, honor, encourage and educate women’. Since its inception WIC has fulfilled its purpose in many ways. Beginning in 1983 the Living Legacy Awards began to acknowledge, honor and encourage women. For twenty-four years we have brought hundreds together to celebrate the accomplishments and positive and lasting contributions of women -- in so doing many now know, understand, appreciate, and hopefully incorporate the gifts women have given to improve the world. Likewise, we have gathered some of civilization’s great and generous women and men whose deeds have genuinely benefited humanity. The list reads like a ‘Who’s Who’ of global innovators and humanitarian benefactors. To see more of the Woman’s International Center, go to WIC.org