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Barb King Inducted into Minnesota Women Business Owners Hall of Fame

King honored for her business innovation, leadership and legacy

Delano, Minn. (May 2, 2013) — Barb King (1946-2008), cofounder of Landscape Structures Inc., the Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground equipment manufacturer, was inducted into the Minnesota Women Business Owners Hall of Fame on April 25. The Hall of Fame was created to honor 25 women entrepreneurial leaders—20 living and 5 posthumous—who represent 150 years of Minnesota business history. Barb was honored for her business innovation, leadership and the legacy she left for future generations of Minnesota business women.

Barb served as president of Landscape Structures until her passing in 2008, and was committed to children throughout her life. She was passionate about showing them how to lead healthier lives and to appreciate nature. In addition to cofounding Landscape Structures with her husband, Steve King, Barb founded and was the benefactor of the Säjai® Foundation. The Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to working with local communities to educate children about how to live a healthier life by encouraging them to get outdoors, be active and make smart nutrition decisions.

Barb was active in the National Association of Women Business Owners - Minnesota (NAWBO-MN), serving as a board member from 1993-1995 and president from 1997-1999. In 2000, she was named Woman Business Owner of the Year by NAWBO-MN. Barb was involved with a variety of local and national organizations, and honored with numerous awards—individually and with Steve. In 2004, she was inducted as an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) in 2005.

The Hall of Fame was established by NAWBO-MN, an organization that provides a local avenue for women entrepreneurs to connect with their peers. The celebration included an intimate reception at Cargill's corporate headquarters, which was hosted by a local radio personality.

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading manufacturer of commercial playground equipment in the world. The employee-owned company is committed to creating a better world by encouraging outdoor activities that develop healthy kids, families and communities. Landscape Structures designs better playgrounds that welcome all ages and abilities, become signature gathering spaces for communities and offer the most innovative play experiences. The company's mission from day one has been to enhance children's lives by fostering and creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment.