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Seeking Nominations for 25 Vermont Women to Be Honored in Vermont Works for Women's Labor of Love Exhibit

Do you know a woman who loves her work? Does she inspire you or her peers? Help us honor women from Newport to Bennington, from nurses to welders, from all communities and careers – and join our efforts to expose girls, young women, and adult women to a wide array of people, professions, and options. Nominate this woman today to be included in Vermont Works for Women's **Labor of Love exhibit**, a celebration of working women's lives through photographs and recorded interviews.

As part of its upcoming 25th anniversary, VWW will honor women who are passionate about their work, who are an inspiration to others, and who exemplify excellence in their field. Vermont Works for Women's Labor of Love exhibit will highlight working women from a wide variety of careers and communities across the state, recognizing the vital role women play in the organizations and communities where they work. Twenty-five women representing a diversity of vocations will be selected through a statewide nomination process.

Labor of Love is being created in collaboration with the **Vermont Folklife Center** and made possible by support from the **Vermont Women's Fund** and **FairPoint Communications**.

Applications – in both electronic and PDF format - are available at www.vtworksforwomen.org/nominate. Nominations are due by February 14, 2012. Downloaded applications can be scanned and emailed to sgrove@vtworksforwomen.org or mailed to VWW, 32A Malletts Bay Avenue, Winooski, VT 05404.

A multi-generational panel of volunteers will select women for inclusion in the exhibit based on the following nominations criteria:

- The nominee need not be well known but needs to love her work, be considered by her peers to be exceptional at it, and be inspiring to others.
- The nominee's experience should reflect the positive role work plays in our lives.
- The existence of personal obstacles or challenges that impacted the nominee's success will be noted by the judges.
- The nominee must be a resident of Vermont and at least 18 years old.

Other important nominations information:

- While prospective nominees may also be accomplished in their homes and communities, it is their distinguished role in their chosen field that is being recognized and celebrated through this project.
- Selected participants must be available to participate in a full-day of activities and discussions with other honorees on **May 5th at Spaulding High School in Barre**. Also on that day, interviews

will be conducted by high school girls chosen by VWW to participate in a program on leadership, vocation, and inquiry.

- Nominees should be comfortable talking about themselves and their work, and they must agree to have their photographs and recorded interviews displayed as part of the Labor of Love exhibit.
- The Labor of Love Exhibit will debut in the fall of 2012 at an event celebrating both the women and the role of women in Vermont's workforce.

Vermont Works for Women helps women and girls recognize their potential and explore, pursue and excel in work that leads to economic independence. For more information, call (802) 655-8900 or visit online: www.vtworksforwomen.org.