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Unemployed Women, Politicos and Local Employers Celebrate The Promise of Opportunities for Underserved Women

(New York, NY) October 28, 2009 -- More than 100 attendees braved the rain to kick-off Grace Institute's Grace Day celebration. Since 1897, Grace Institute has educated underserved women in New York City, preparing them for employment with competitive pay in administration careers—and doing so without charging tuition. In a tribute to New York's twice Mayor, W.R. Grace, founder of Grace Institute, current Mayor Michael Bloomberg proclaimed October 28, 2009 as Grace Day, recognizing the organization providing free administrative job training to more than 100,000 women since its founding.

Grace Day began with a reading of the official Mayoral proclamation by Patrick Grace. Mr. Grace, the great grandson of W.R. Grace, thanked the attendees for their support, "my family is honored and overwhelmed by the recognition of Grace Institute and we continue to be committed to supporting a free job training program for women in need."

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer encouraged attendees to continue to support Grace Institute. "It is a resource for New York women that must be replicated. In these challenging fiscal times Grace is critical to helping women gain employment." said Mr. Stringer.

State Senator Liz Krueger (26th District) followed up by saying that she was proud to have Grace Institute in her district. Senator Krueger applauded all of the current students for participating in the program and the promise of a greater future.

"We certainly have the capacity to serve more women and hope that today's celebration is a catalyst to creating more awareness," stated Mary Mulvihill, Executive Director of Grace Institute. Mulvihill may soon get her wish; a standing-room-only crowd of prospective women were eagerly awaiting a tour of the facility after hearing about Grace Day.

"When I heard about the Open House, I knew I was coming – rain or shine!" said Dina Small, a prospective student for spring 2010.

About Grace Institute (www.GraceInstitute.org)

Grace Institute provides tuition free, practical job training for underserved New York area women of all ages and many different backgrounds. The average annual salary of women entering the program is \$6,000. More than 80% of the graduates from the program are placed in administrative positions with typical salaries of \$32,000 plus benefits. Many leading companies such as Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Ogilvy, TD Bank, Latham and Watkins, LLP among others hire Grace graduates.