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THE DAILY RECORD ANNOUNCES
MARYLAND'S TOP 100 WOMEN FOR 2017

Baltimore, Md., (March 6, 2017) — *The Daily Record* named Lee Bachu, president and CEO, United Retirement Plan Consultants, to its 2017 listing of Maryland's Top 100 Women.

The Daily Record began Maryland's Top 100 Women in 1996 to recognize outstanding achievements by women demonstrated through professional accomplishments, community leadership and mentoring.

A record number of 435 women were nominated this year for the statewide honor. Nominees were asked to complete an application outlining their educational and career history, professional and community involvement, corporate and nonprofit board memberships, and mentoring experience. They were encouraged to submit letters of recommendation from those who are familiar with their accomplishments professionally, in the community and through mentoring.

Eleven women will be inducted into the Circle of Excellence, which means they will receive the award for a third and final time.

A preliminary round of judging by Maryland's Top 100 Women's Circle of Excellence honorees reviewed the applications and selected 150 applicants to compete in the final round. A panel of business professionals and past Maryland's Top 100 Women winners from throughout Maryland reviewed the final applications and selected this year's honorees.

"Maryland's Top 100 Women have achieved amazing accomplishments in their careers, but to be honored as a Top 100 Woman requires more than just career success," said Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, publisher of *The Daily Record*. "She must be an exemplary citizen, committed to her community, creating change and growing the next generation of leaders through active mentoring. *The Daily Record* is pleased to recognize these leaders."

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The awards event will be held Monday, April 24, starting at 5 p.m. at Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St., in Baltimore. The awards will be presented at 6:30 p.m. followed by a dessert reception. Winners will be profiled in a special magazine that will be inserted into the Tuesday, April 25, issue of *The Daily Record* and available online at www.TheDailyRecord.com.

The Circle of Excellence Sponsor of *The Daily Record's* 2017 Maryland's Top 100 Women is GBMC. The Leadership Sponsor is Towson University. The Celebration Sponsor is Executive Alliance. The Reception Sponsor is Notre Dame of Maryland University. Corporate Club Sponsor is VPC Inc. Preferred Seating Sponsor is Epsilon Registration.

For more information about sponsorships and tickets for *The Daily Record's* 2017 Maryland's Top 100 Women, visit www.TheDailyRecord.com.

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2017 Maryland's Top 100 Women

****Indicates Circle of Excellence inductee***

Katie Allston, LCSW-C, executive director, Marian House, Inc.
Amy E. Askew, principal, Kramon & Graham, P.A.
Debra Reznick Attman, realtor, Long and Foster Real Estate
Mythili ("Lee") Bachu, president and CEO, United Retirement Plan Consultants and MGA Consultants, Inc.
Zoa D. Barnes, partner, Hill, Barnes & McInerney, LLC
Angie Barnett, president and CEO, Better Business Bureau Serving Greater MD
Walakewon Blegay, staff attorney, D.C. Nurses Association
Mary Way Bolt, president, Cecil College

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Nona Carroll, state program director, Maryland Business Roundtable for Education
Karen S. Cherry, vice president, office leasing, The Howard Hughes Corporation
Tina M. Corner, founder, LXCouncil (Leader Exchange Council)
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Susan Finlayson, senior vice president, operations, Mercy Medical Center
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