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KELLY SPRINGER OF HOLLAND RECOGNIZED AS THE 2017 LAKESHORE ATHENA AWARD RECIPIENT

SPRING LAKE, MI – Kelly Springer, Chief Operating Officer at Metal Flow Corporation was honored at the 13th Annual Lakeshore ATHENA Award luncheon as the 2017 ATHENA Recipient. The announcement was made today at the Lakeshore ATHENA Award luncheon celebration at Trillium Events, Spring Lake | Ferrysburg.

Kelly has been the Chief Operating Officer at Metal Flow Corporation since 2016. She joined Metal Flow in 2013 as the Chief Financial Officer, her first C-Suite role, after working 22 years at Plante & Moran where she had advanced to Partner. Throughout her career she made choices to be true to herself and pursue her interests in manufacturing despite being told regularly that “most women don’t choose this path”. As CFO, she organized a CFO Roundtable for leaders in a variety of industries to share ideas and learn from others in a safe environment. She supports women in manufacturing and is a strong advocate for women working with equal pay and opportunity. Kelly is a founding member of Inforum West Michigan and serves on the Michigan Women’s Foundation Advisory Council and is a Board Member of the West Coast Chamber of Commerce. She passionately supports families facing childhood diabetes, serving as a board member of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation after her daughter was diagnosed at 18 months. A professional who is equally committed to her family with her roles of wife and mother. She and her husband Randy are actively involved with three busy teenagers.

The ATHENA Leadership award is presented annually to a woman, or man, who is honored for their professional excellence, community service and who actively assists women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

The Lakeshore ATHENA Award Program is a collaboration of The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg, the Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce and the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee composed of representatives from the participating Chambers and community business leaders. Seven ATHENA nominee finalists were recognized at the luncheon which was attended by over 370 regional community and business leaders.

Previous Lakeshore ATHENA Award recipients include 2016, Tracy L.N. Wilson, 2015 Renae Hesselink, Nichols, 2014 Helen Zeerip, Teddy's Transport, 2013, Leslie Brown, Metal Flow, 2012, Patricia Ver Duin, Ready for School; 2011, Candace Dugan Grand Valley Statue University; 2010, Elizabeth Rolinski, Johnson Controls, 2009, Blanche Smith former Mayor of Muskegon; 2008, Judith Hayner Executive Director for the Muskegon Museum of Art; 2007, Nancy Miller, former dean of social sciences at Hope College, Holland; 2006, Nancy McCarthy, former director/president of Hackley Visiting Services and Hospice, Muskegon; and 2005, Nancy Crandall, former mayor of Norton Shores.

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