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Enterprising Women are the Ones to Watch

WOODRIDGE, IL, October 13, 2009 – Today, 50% or more of all businesses are owned by women, according to the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Female entrepreneurs like Kathleen Benner, Co-founder and CEO of Hospital Companions, are being recognized for their ideas. Ms. Benner was deemed an “Up-And-Comer” in the September 21, 2009 issue of Crain’s Chicago Business (<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/cgi-bin/mag/article.pl?articleId=32416>).

Hospital Companions is a female-owned business which recently launched into the healthcare field with its revolutionary new patient and family support program. The company’s mission is to reinvent the way patients and their families experience hospitals.

Women-owned businesses contribute nearly \$3 trillion to our national economy and create or maintain 23 million jobs, according to new research conducted by the Center for Women’s Business Research.

“Women are entering entrepreneurship in larger numbers than ever. We are arriving with innovative solutions to existing problems,” says Benner.

Hospital Companions currently serves patients, families and nursing home residents in the Chicagoland area. For more information, please visit www.hospitalcompanions.com.

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