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Honoring Outstanding Women Volunteers

(NAPSA)— More than 160 million Americans volunteer annually and 62 percent of those are women. Eckerd Drugstores continues to recognize the nation's most outstanding female volunteers by kicking off its 4th Annual Salute to Women this April.

The launch of this year's program coincides with National Volunteer Week and takes place in the over 2,600 Eckerd and Genovese stores across the nation. Each store will select one woman to serve as its local nominee and 100 of these women will be recognized as the Eckerd 100 for the year 2001.

To thank and encourage the women in their selfless volunteer efforts, Eckerd will donate a total of \$100,000 to the nonprofit organizations they represent. Eckerd hopes the women's example will inspire others to volunteer in their communities.

"The Eckerd Salute to Women program celebrates volunteers who have unselfishly given of their heart and time to make a difference in the lives of others," said Mary Beth Fox, Eckerd's Director of Community Relations. "We are eager to kick off this year's search in conjunction with National Volunteer Week when the nation's spotlight will be on volunteerism."

Between April 23 and June 2,



A leading drug store chain is once again paying tribute to women volunteers.

2001, anyone can nominate an exceptional woman by filling out a ballot at Eckerd or Genovese drug stores. The Eckerd 100 will receive an all-expense-paid trip this fall to an educational symposium on volunteer issues.

Eckerd Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of JCPenney Co., Inc., is headquartered in Clearwater, Fla. Eckerd is one of America's largest retail drug chains with over 2,600 drug stores in 20 states and revenue of \$13.1 billion in 2000. Eckerd employs over 78,000 associates and 9,000 pharmacists, and is one of the top five retail supporters of the Children's Miracle Network. For additional company information, visit their Web site, www.eckerd.com or the JCPenney Web site, www.jcpenney.com.