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Gracie Award-Winning CBS News Correspondent Nancy Giles to Host Gracie Awards Luncheon

May 20, 2010 (McLean, VA) – The Alliance for Women in Media, formerly known as American Women in Radio & Television (AWRT), is pleased to announce that television and radio personality **Nancy Giles** will serve as host of the 2010 Gracie Awards Luncheon. The luncheon, to be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 recognizes local markets, public and student winners.

Giles, who hosted the luncheon last year, is currently a contributor to the award-winning *CBS News' Sunday Morning*, voicing her opinions on everything from politics and race to pop culture and the conspiracy of high heels. As an actress, she was in the ensemble cast of ABC-TV's Emmy Award-winning series *China Beach*, and in the film *Working Girl*. She was the announcer and sometime co-host of *Fox After Breakfast*. Giles has also enjoyed success on the radio with *The Jay Thomas Morning Show* based in New York City, and based in Philadelphia, the Gracie award-winning *Giles and Moriarty*.

The Gracies are presented by the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Alliance for Women in Media that supports educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Gracie Awards, established in 1975, honors programming and individuals of the highest caliber in all facets of radio, television, cable and web-based media, including news, drama, comedy, commercials, public service, documentary and sports.

The Gracies Awards Luncheon is made possible through the generous support of the 2010 title sponsor Dove and The Campaign for Real Beauty as well as the following additional sponsors: CogniFit Inc., Heartbeat Radio for Women Inc., KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO, Massachusetts School of Law, NABEF, Outer Voices, TENA and Westwood One.

Tickets for the Luncheon are \$115 for Members/\$150 for Non-Members and can be purchased online at www.thegracies.org. For more information about the 2010 Gracies, please visit www.thegracies.org. For the most up-to-date, insider information, follow the Gracie Awards on Twitter @thegracies.

CREDENTIALLED PRESS: For press information in regard to covering the red carpet and the event, please contact ESP Public Relations at 310-827-9727.

About the Alliance for Women in Media: The year 2010 marks the 59th Anniversary of the Alliance for Women in Media (formerly known as American Women in Radio & Television), the longest established professional association dedicated to advancing women in media and entertainment. The Alliance for Women in Media carries forth its mission by educating, advocating and acting as a resource to its members and the industry at large. Founded in 1951, the organization works to improve the quality of electronic media; promote the entry, development and advancement of women in the field; foster communication and idea exchange; and give back to the community we serve.

About Alliance for Women in Media Foundation: Alliance for Women in Media Foundation (formerly known as American Women in Radio & Television) is the philanthropic arm of the organization, supporting educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation has created partnerships and joint-initiatives with the National Middle School Association, the Emma Bowen Foundation, the American Red Cross and other organizations that are philosophically aligned with the mission of the Foundation. The Foundation supports several public service campaigns including most recently *Empowering America* which pays tribute to many of America's most pioneering and inspiring women. Through this initiative, the Foundation has adopted needy urban middle schools around the country and provided educational donations derived from collateral based on the *Empowering America* program. The Foundation also produces nationally acclaimed recognition programs including the Gracie Awards®, a live gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.