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Dr. Jane R. Snider of The Summit School named Tribute to Women and INdustry (TWIN) Honoree

Edgewater, MD (May 29, 2012) – Dr. Jane R. Snider, Founding Executive Director of The Summit School, has been selected as a Tribute to Women and INdustry (TWIN) Honoree, a recognition program led by YWCAs across the country honoring women who have made significant contributions to industry in management or executive positions, and to recognize corporations whose policies and practices encourage and enable high achievement by women. Dr. Snider was nominated by Severn Savings Bank headquartered in Annapolis, MD, the lead sponsor for the YWCA of Annapolis’s TWIN program.

“Jane Snider is the epitome of a candidate for TWIN. She is the ideal combination of entrepreneur and savvy business person with a philanthropic focus,” explained Kevin Carter, Vice President, Community Reinvestment Act Officer, Severn Savings Bank. “Jane is a respected pillar in our community, and for us she was an obvious choice.”

Dr. Snider founded and developed The Summit School in 1989, a school for bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences. She built the program from the ground up with an emphasis on a highly individualized education and methodologies that are based on the best evidence from the fields of reading and neuroscience. In its tenth year the school was chosen a *National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence* by the U.S. Office of Education; it was the only special education school in the country to be named that year. Dr. Snider serves on many Boards for nonprofit organizations, and has personally earned more than twelve other awards and honors for her accomplishments as an impassioned advocate for children and parents in the broader community.

Severn Savings Bank has partnered with The Summit School for a *Literacy Counts* program, one which Dr. Snider initiated four years ago to provide tutors and summer camp scholarships for students from the Boys and Girls Club and the Stanton Community Center, both in Annapolis.

The 27th annual awards ceremony and banquet will recognize this year’s select group of TWIN honorees on Wednesday, June 6th at The Westin Annapolis.

About The Summit School: The Summit School is completing its 23rd year, located in Edgewater, MD, educating 100 students annually with a ratio of 4:1 overall, staff to students. For more information about The Summit School or the *Literacy Counts* program: www.thesummitschool.org

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