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**Essence of Humanity Program names Joan Paxton  
Chair of Governing Board**

**Lancaster, Pa. (January 27, 2009)** – The Essence of Humanity Award Program, whose mission is to elevate the stories of exceptional role models in our communities, has named Joan Paxton of Lancaster as Chair of its Governing Board of Directors. She replaces outgoing Chair Dale High, who conceived of and helped establish the Essence of Humanity Program in 2001. High will remain on the Governing Board.

Paxton is president of Tri-Starr Services of Pennsylvania, Inc., an independent staffing solutions company she founded in 1989, headquartered in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with branches in Lancaster County and the Capital Region. Ms. Paxton is a member of the Board of Directors of United Way of Lancaster County where she served as Campaign Chair in 2003. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of the Susquehanna Valley and EDC Finance Corporation, as well as the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Regional Medical Center. She is a graduate of Drexel University.

**About Essence of Humanity**

The mission of the Essence of Humanity Award is to elevate the stories of inspirational role models in our communities. The award is intended to recognize those individuals who, beyond the requirements of their work, demonstrate remarkable human qualities including courage, love, strength, determination, and persistence when dealing with adversity. The award also honors those

who demonstrate the spirit of caring and provide inspiration to such individuals on a daily basis. The program began in 2001 when business and community leaders in South-Central Pennsylvania established the Essence of Humanity Award. The award is presented by participating organizations in collaboration with the Essence of Humanity program's steering committee, which evaluates the nominations. For more information, contact Robin Stauffer, Executive Director, at 717-293-4498, or visit the website at [www.essenceofhumanity.org](http://www.essenceofhumanity.org).

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