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Young Professional Society of Greater Springfield Offers Recognition to Two Board Members

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(Springfield, February 9, 2009) The *Young Professional Society (YPS) of Greater Springfield Executive Committee*, extends special recognition to two members of the YPS Board of Directors, ***Erik J. Skar and Jill Monson***, for their exceptional leadership, commitment, and contribution to events, programs and Board initiatives.

Over the past year, both Mr. Skar, a Financial Services Professional at ***MassMutual in Wilbraham***, and Ms. Monson, Marketing Director & Account Executive for ***Valpak of Western MA***, have undertaken important leadership roles within the two year old organization, and have repeatedly demonstrated excellence in both strategic planning and execution.

Mr. Skar's efforts include his serving as the founder and Chairperson for the first YPS Golf Tournament, scheduled for May 2009, as well as his service as the Co-Chair of the Arts Sector, working to connect the region's young professionals to the rich artistic resources available throughout greater Springfield. Additionally, Mr. Skar serves in the capacity of Co-Chair of the YPS Business Sector, assisting with the planning, marketing, and engagement of some of the region's most influential CEO speakers for YPS' CEO Luncheon Series. Mr. Skar's dedication and commitment to the Business Sector has most recently resulted in the engagement of ***Stuart H. Reese***, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ***MassMutual Financial Group***, to host a ***YPS CEO Luncheon***.

Ms. Monson's roles have included chairing the very successful, first annual YPS New Year's Eve event, ***Springfield Shines in '09*** and coordinating the new YPS ***Perks Program***, which allows YPS members to take advantage of discounts on goods and services offered by local, regional and national corporations. Ms. Monson was also recently recognized by the ***YMCA of Greater Springfield*** as their ***2008 Volunteer of the Year Award*** winner.

Congratulations to Mr. Skar and Ms. Monson for their exceptional leadership and contributions to YPS, its members and to the greater community.

The Young Professional Society of Greater Springfield represents the region's corporate, non-profit, and cultural interests by engaging a younger demographic in several distinct areas: business & career development and networking; social & cultural involvement; and community activism through nonprofit organizations & volunteerism. Find events and details online: www.SpringfieldYPS.com

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