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About Virtue Foundation

Virtue Foundation is a public charitable and nongovernmental organization with special consultative status to the United Nations. The Foundation's mission is to increase awareness of prevalent global issues, to inspire people to action, and to render humanitarian assistance through healthcare, education, and empowerment initiatives. Comprised entirely of volunteers, Virtue Foundation is guided by the principle that true global change must begin within each of us —one person at a time, one act at a time. For more information about Virtue Foundation, visit www.virtuefoundation.org.

About Avon Products, Inc.

Avon, the company for women, is a leading global beauty company. As the world's largest direct seller, Avon markets to women in well over 100 countries through over five million independent Avon Sales Representatives. Avon is proud that our direct-selling business model empowers women around the world and is creating positive social and economic value where they live and work. We are a company committed to corporate responsibility, having raised funds and awareness globally to charitable causes, most notably through the activities of the Avon Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) public charity, and its Avon Breast Cancer Crusade program. As the world's largest corporate foundation for women, the Avon Foundation has exceeded \$500 million worldwide in funds raised and awarded, and our current focus is on the vital issues of breast cancer, domestic violence and emergency relief. Learn more about Avon at www.avoncompany.com.

About UNIFEM

UNIFEM is the women's fund at the United Nations. Established in 1976, it provides financial and technical assistance to innovative approaches aimed at fostering women's empowerment and gender equality. Today the organization's work touches the lives of women and girls in more than 100 countries. UNIFEM also helps make the voices of women heard at the United Nations — to highlight critical issues and advocate for the implementation of existing commitments made to women.

About UNICEF

Founded in 1947, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF supports the work of the United Nations Children's Fund by raising funds for its programs and increasing awareness of the challenges facing the world's children. The oldest of 37 national committees for UNICEF worldwide, UNICEF is part of a global effort to save, protect and improve children's lives.

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Dr. Ebby Elahi

Dr. Ebby Elahi is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at The Mount Sinai Medical Center and the Director of Fifth Avenue Associates in New York, specializing in reconstructive, plastic, and ophthalmic surgery. Recognized as one of America's top specialists by the Consumer Research Council of America, Dr. Elahi is the recipient of several teaching awards and has published many articles and book chapters in his field of specialty, as well as articles in the fields of international medicine and the state of women and children in the developing world. In addition to his office and hospital-based patients, Dr. Elahi has led numerous pro bono medical expeditions to developing countries throughout the world, providing surgical training to local physicians and treatment to underserved patient populations. A graduate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, he has continued his involvement with Mount Sinai in various capacities, including teaching clinical medicine and surgery to residents and fellows and serving as the Director of Eye Care Services at the Mount Sinai-NYU Medical Center.

Alexis Glick

Alexis Glick is the Director of Business News for the Fox News Channel (FNC) and the soon to be launched Fox Business Channel, where she will serve in an on-air capacity as an anchor. She joined the FNC in September of 2006. Before joining FNC, Glick was a correspondent on the "Today Show" and a senior trading correspondent for CNBC. Prior to her career in television, Glick was an Executive Director at Morgan Stanley where she headed the New York Stock Exchange Floor Operations. A graduate of Columbia University, Glick is a member of the Board of Directors of the College Alumni Association. She is also the mother of three, Logan (5), Kyle (3) and Slate (3 months).

Noeleen Heyzer

Noeleen Heyzer (Co-Chair) is executive director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), an organization with programs in 130 nations dedicated to expanding women's economic capacities and promoting women's human rights and participation in governance. Since her arrival in 1994, UNIFEM has doubled its annual resource base and strengthened its strategic partnerships between women's groups, governments, and bilateral donors. A native of Singapore, Heyzer is the former chair of the UN Inter-agency Task Force on Women's Empowerment, responsible for implementing recommendations from the UN Conference on Population and Development, and the chair of the Sub-Group on Gender of the UN Development Group. She is the former head of the Gender and Development Program at the Asian and Pacific Development Center; a founding member of DAWN; and has served on the board of directors of numerous international organizations working for social justice and gender equality. She received a Ph.D. in social sciences from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Sara James

Sara James is an award-winning correspondent for Dateline NBC, where her work has earned her an Emmy, several Gracies and a Headliner Award among others. Since joining the broadcast in December of 1994, she has covered a wide range of stories in the U.S. and overseas, including stories as diverse as slavery in Sudan, reporting on atrocities of the Taliban and the massacre at Columbine High School. In addition to her duties for the newsmagazine, James also serves as a substitute co-anchor and substitute newsreader on NBC News' Today and Weekend Today and on MSNBC. Prior to her present assignment, James served as national correspondent for NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw from November of 1994. James joined NBC News as a general correspondent based in New York in November 1992. Before that, she served as the first anchor of NBC Nightside, the overnight affiliate service produced by the NBC News. James has recently co-authored a book published by Harper Collins entitled "The Best of Friends: Two Women, Two Continents and One Enduring Friendship" due to be released on June 12, 2007.

Andrea Jung

Andrea Jung is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Avon Products and is responsible for developing and executing all of the company's long-term growth strategies, launching new brand initiatives, developing earnings opportunities for women worldwide, and defining Avon as the premier direct seller of beauty products. Ms. Jung was appointed CEO in 1999 and elected Chairman in 2001. She has been a member of the Board of Directors since January 1998. Ms. Jung became the first woman elected chair of the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association in March 2001, a role she held until early 2005. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the General Electric Company and is a member of the New York Presbyterian Hospital Board of Trustees and the Catalyst Board of Directors. In 2006, Ms. Jung was ranked #7 on Fortune magazine's "50 Most Powerful Women in Business" list and has been on that list since its inception. Also in 2006, The Wall Street Journal ranked Ms. Jung #5 on its "50 Women to Watch in Business" list. In late 2004, she was named one of "10 Prominent People to Watch in 2005" by Newsweek magazine. In January 2003, she was featured in BusinessWeek as one of the "Best Managers of the Year." Ms. Jung is a magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University and is fluent in Chinese (Mandarin).

From Ordinary Women to Historical Heroines: The Story of International Women's Day

International Women's Day traces its beginnings back 150 years to a single act of protest in 1857. Since then, millions of women worldwide have joined together, asking for the right to vote, the right to hold public office, better wages and safer working conditions. In 1945, a United Nations Charter became the first international agreement to proclaim gender equality as a fundamental human right. And in 1975, the United Nations declared March 8th as International Women's Day – a global day of celebration honoring achievements and progress for women around the world.

Dr. Joan LaRovere

Co-founder and Vice-President of the Virtue Foundation, Dr. Joan LaRovere is currently Associate Director of the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at The Royal Brompton Hospital in London, an internationally recognized centre specializing in the care of children undergoing cardiac surgery. Dr. LaRovere is a member of the Windsor Leadership Trust and a chosen member of the UK National Health Service Department of Health's Emerging Leaders Network. Her research interests focus on outcomes following pediatric cardiac surgery, as well as working through the Virtue Foundation to supply solutions to current international medical issues, and to raise global awareness on significant healthcare and humanitarian relief. Dr. LaRovere is a graduate of Harvard and Columbia Universities and completed her postgraduate medical training at Children's Hospital in Boston and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London. She is a recipient of the Schleisman Award from Harvard University/Boston Children's Hospital and a recognized lecturer both nationally and internationally.

Shashi Tharoor

Shashi Tharoor is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information and a prize-winning author of nine books, both fiction and non-fiction, including the classic *The Great Indian Novel* (1989), *India: From Midnight to the Millennium* (1997) and *Nehru: The Invention of India* (2003). A widely-published critic, commentator and columnist (including for *The Hindu*, *The Times of India* and *Newsweek*), Shashi Tharoor is also a senior United Nations official whose career includes working for refugees and handling peace-keeping operations in the former Yugoslavia. Tharoor earned his Ph.D. at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at the age of 22, and was named by the World Economic Forum in Davos in 1998 as a "Global Leader of Tomorrow." In 2006, he was India's candidate to succeed Kofi Annan as UN Secretary-General, and emerged a strong second out of seven contenders. For more on Shashi Tharoor, please see www.shashitharoor.com.

Ann Veneman

Ann M. Veneman is the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Ms. Veneman has outstanding qualifications and numerous accomplishments in the area of agricultural development and food security. Since January 2001, she served as the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the first woman to hold this post, and has presided over a momentous period in the history of American agriculture. She has focused strongly on new approaches to help feed the hungry around the world and has long supported programmes to advance children at home and abroad. To help meet the Millennium Development Goal of halving global hunger by 2015, she has promoted science and technology as a means to accelerate agricultural productivity. In the United States, Ms. Veneman has overseen numerous programmes, including the reauthorization of the food stamp and child nutrition programmes, which strengthen the ability of the Department to provide services to recipients and provide additional accountability to taxpayers. Notably, she also finalized the transition from paper food stamps to electronic debit cards, which has reduced fraud in the programme. She served in various positions at the Department of Agriculture, in State government as well as the private sector.

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