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META HOUSE LEADER WINS *WOMEN OF INFLUENCE* AWARD

(MILWAUKEE, April 30, 2009) — Meta House Executive Director Dr. Francine Feinberg has been awarded *The Milwaukee Business Journal's* 2009 Women of Influence distinction for nonprofit leadership.

This is the *Business Journal's* 10th year recognizing influential women in Milwaukee with the prestigious award. Dr. Feinberg, a national expert in substance abuse treatment for women, has led Meta House for more than 25 years. She has guided the organization from an 11-bed single-service agency to a comprehensive program with residential, outpatient and transitional housing components. Her expertise has been recognized internationally while her foresight and guidance was significant in making Meta House a national model for gender-specific and family-based treatment.

The Business Journal selected 22 women from more than 220 nominations for this year's awards. Winners were chosen in ten categories, including nonprofit leadership, community supporter, family business, public policy, behind-the-scenes and mentor. Meta House Board Chair Jennifer Bartolotta was also honored in the family business category.

Women of Influence recipients will be featured in a special section in the June 12 issue of *The Business Journal*. An awards event will take place at the Midwest Airlines Center on June 15. The guest speaker will be 2008 Women of Influence recipient, Wisconsin Court of Appeals Judge Kitty Brennan.

About Meta House

For over 45 years, Meta House, Inc., a nationally recognized not-for-profit substance abuse treatment program, has been providing gender-responsive treatment to women in the Milwaukee area. Meta House is dedicated to helping women through the progression of recovery and was one of the first substance abuse treatment programs in the country designed specifically for women. Meta House was also one of the first substance abuse treatment programs in the nation to include children in the residential setting.

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