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FWE's Annual Gala Celebrates the Food Revolution + Women Entrepreneurs in the Food Industry at Gala Tonight

*Panelists Chef David Hawksworth, Christine Day and Frank Giustra at
The Odlum Brown FWE Gala: EpiCurious*

Vancouver, B.C. (February 15, 2015) – The Forum for Women Entrepreneurs (FWE) announced its annual fundraising gala will feature some of Vancouver's leading entrepreneurs in the food industry, and will honour long-time FWE Mentor Bev Briscoe. The Gala's theme "EpiCurious" will explore the high valuation of food companies, the 'local' and 'grow-it-yourself' movements.

On **Monday, February 15th at 5:30pm** at Vancouver's Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, FWE will host Chef David Hawksworth, Owner and CEO of Hawksworth Restaurant, Christine Day, CEO of LUVU Inc, and Frank Giustra, CEO Fiore Group. As well, 40 women entrepreneurs in the food industry will be highlighted at the Gala, with many of whom will be in attendance tonight.

An announcement will also be made, that FWE is now a registered charity, meaning all E-Series Grant donations made at the Gala will be tax deductible.

"The EpiCurious Gala is by far our biggest event to date, and we're thrilled to bring our all-star panel, supporters and women entrepreneurs together to learn from one another and to celebrate our successes," said Christina Anthony, Founder and Chair of FWE.

"Tonight we're also raising funds for E-Series grants, so that women entrepreneurs across Canada, who don't have access to FWE's mentor network and business 2.0 programming, can get the education they need to take their company to the next level," said Lara Dauphinee, Co-Chair of the FWE Gala. "I'm proud to be part of a team that has brought this organization's annual fundraiser to the largest to date, with over 560 guests at a sold-out event. And now with FWE being granted charitable status, tax receipt-able giving makes even more sense this year."

In honouring the important role that mentors play in the community, FWE will also highlight one of its long-time mentors, Bev Briscoe, and share stories of the women she has helped.

EpiCurious is supported by Odlum Brown Limited, BCLC, Goldcorp, Sauder School of Business, The British Columbia Securities Commission, and many others. To learn more about the gala visit www.fwe.ca/epicurious-2.

Media are invited to RSVP to ryan@brixmediaco.com for admission to the gala, and for interview opportunities.

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About FWE:

The Forum for Women Entrepreneurs (FWE) is dedicated to providing women with the education, empowerment and energy they need to become wildly successful entrepreneurs. Founded in 2002, FWE has been encouraging, educating, and mentoring women entrepreneurs for over a decade. This year alone FWE will support over 1,500 women entrepreneurs, including pairing over 230 women with 230 mentors, and hosting 45 women from across Canada for its annual E-Series Program April 6-8.

FWE Gala Committee members include:

- Christina Anthony (Co-Chair), Odlum Brown Limited
- Lara Dauphinee (Co-Chair), Fiore Group
- Bridgitte Anderson, Edelman
- Monique Badun, Sotheby's
- Dave Bustos, Fort Capital
- Monika Deol, TV Personality + Actress
- Vicki Gabereau, VG Shoes
- Robin Gill, Global News
- Margot Jagger, Margot Jagger Design
- Soha Lavin, Countdown Events
- Christine Marks, Goldcorp
- Lisa Niemetscheck, FWE
- Robin Peterson, Tesla Motors
- Ambrosia Vertesi, Hootsuite

Women Entrepreneurs in the Food Industry that FWE is Highlighting:

Shelley	Adams	Whitewater Cooks
Heather	Angel	Trumps Fine Food Merchants & Wholesalers
Celena	Benndorf	Feast Middle Eastern Comfort Food
Shannon	Bosa	Glowbal Group

Sonia	Bozzi	Chill Winstron
Meghan	Clarke	Tractor Everyday Healthy Foods
Inez	Cook	Salmon n'Bannock Bistro
Lara	Dauphinee	Modern Farmer & Canada's Own
Christine	Day	Luvo Inc
Rosie	Daykin	Butter
Deanna	Embury	Licious Living Inc.
Leah	Garrad-Cole	Love Child Organics
Katherine	Geiger	Fraser Valley Gourmet
Teena	Gupta	Rosemary Rock Salt
Lisa	Haas	Thomas Haas Chocolates & Pâtisserie
Jennifer	Hannay	Brix and Mortar
Tori	Holmes	Nectar Juicery
Lori	Joyce	Cupcakes
Jacki	Kai Ellis	Beaucoup Bakery
Ann	Kirsebom	Paris in a Chocolate
Lara	Kozan	Nectar Juicery
Debra	Lykkemark	Culinary Capers
Jennifer	Marsh	HUB Restaurant Group
Lia	McCormick	Clever Crow Herbs and Spices
Gayle	McLeod	The Soup Solution
Caren	McSherry	The Gourmet Warehouse and Continental Importers 2014 Ltd
Susan	Mendelson	The Lazy Gourmet
Joanne	Mogridge	Cocoa West Chocolatier
Lee	Murphy	The Preservatory
Donna	Nicks	Fresh Gourmet Take Away
Jenn	Peters	Nextjen Gluten-Free
Judy	Reeves	EdgeCeptional Catering
Marika	Richoz	The Birds Nest
Julia	Smith	Urban Digs Farm
Natasha	Strim	Nonna Pia's Gourmet Sauces Ltd
Donna	Wadsworth	Savoury City Catering & Events
Carmen	Wakeling	Eatmore Sprouts
Shelley	Wallace	Hagensborg Chocolates Ltd.
Heather	White	Cupcakes
Angela	Willard	Harmonic Arts Botanical Dispensary

