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BMH Companies - Press 49's Parent Company - Named Finalist In 20th Annual Stevie® Awards For Women In Business

Stevie Award Winners to Be Announced in New York on November 10

Chandler, Arizona, October 2, 2023 – BMH Companies was named a Finalist in the Best Female Entrepreneur category in the 20th annual Stevie® Awards for Women in Business and ultimately will be a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Stevie Award winner in the program.

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business honor women executives, entrepreneurs, employees and the companies they run – worldwide. They have been hailed as the world's premier business awards.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stevie Award winners will be announced during a gala event at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City on Friday, November 10. Nominated women executives and entrepreneurs from around the world are expected to attend. The event will be broadcast on Livestream.

More than 1,500 entries were submitted this year for consideration in more than 100 categories, including Executive of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Company of the Year, Startup of the Year, Women Helping Women, and Women Run Workplace of the Year. Bridgett McGowen-Hawkins, the owner of BMH Companies, is a Finalist in the Best Female Entrepreneur category.

BMH Companies, a premier information provider and the parent company of Press 49, has impacted thousands of professionals across the globe. The company has been featured by major media to include, but not limited to, ABC, CBS, MarketWatch, and NBC and has published the works of more than 160 authors and co-authors.

BMH Companies and Press 49 have received scholarships and invitations from entities such as the Independent Book Publishers Association and the Association for Talent Development to contribute to the publishing and speaking industries and have celebrated numerous recognitions achieved by Press 49 authors.

BMH Companies' speaking services are sought after by major organizations such as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), New York University, McGraw-Hill, and Kentucky Fried Chicken just to name a few. McGowen-Hawkins, the owner, has also appeared on conference programs alongside prominent figures such as President Barack Obama; Oprah Winfrey; Amy Cuddy; Leslie Odom, Jr.; and Deepak Chopra among others.

"It is truly an honor to join such a high-achieving caliber of award-winning women across the world who defy the odds to make a difference," began McGowen-Hawkins. "I'm extending the biggest congratulations to all the Finalists! Keep crushing it, ladies!"

Finalists were determined by the average scores of more than 200 business professionals around the world, working on <u>six juries</u>. Their scores will also determine the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stevie

Award placements that will be revealed at the 20th annual awards dinner and presentations in New York.

"In its 20th year, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business received an impressive collection of remarkable nominations," said Maggie Miller, president of the Stevie Awards. "We look forward to celebrating our 20 years of recognizing the outstanding achievements of women in the workplace in New York on November 10."

"The entire team at BMH Companies could not be more pleased to be an award Finalist," said McGowen-Hawkins. "To earn this recognition for our hard work is one of the greatest highlights of our year!"

Details about the Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the list of Finalists in all categories are available at www.StevieAwards.com/Women

About BMH Companies:

BMH Companies is a premier information provider headquartered in Chandler, Arizona, specializing in designing and delivering professional presentations to global audiences and publishing nonfiction books and eBooks. Under BMH Companies' umbrella are the award-winning international professional speaker, Bridgett McGowen as well as the hybrid publishing company, Press 49.

With more than twenty years in the professional speaking industry, Bridgett is a proud graduate of Prairie A&M University and has received a Master Presenter Award from the University of Texas at Austin, multiple Fearless Speaker awards from Canada-based One Woman, and two Next Generation Indie Book Awards for her own titles.

Boasting a roster of more than 160 authors and co-authors with several having earned the titles of award-winner, Amazon bestseller, and Amazon #1 new release, Press 49 is the recipient of a 2023 Award of Distinction from The Communicator Awards as well as a 2021 Stevie® Award in the Startup of the Year - Business Services Industries category.

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About The Stevie Awards:

Stevie Awards are conferred in eight programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the German Stevie Awards, The American Business Awards®, The International Business Awards®, the Middle East & North Africa Stevie Awards, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. A ninth program, the Stevie Awards for Technology Excellence, will debut in 2024.

Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 12,000 nominations each year from organizations in

more than 70 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide.

Learn more about the Stevie Awards: www.StevieAwards.com

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