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## **Maria Shriver to Be Joined By Martha Beck, Paula Deen, Caroline Kennedy, Mario Lopez, Jillian Michaels, Claire Shipman & 10,000 Women for the Sold-Out Night at The Village 2009**

**LOS ANGELES (October 26, 2009)** – Maria Shriver will be joined by 10,000 women tonight for the sold-out Night at The Village 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Long Beach Convention Center. Presented by The Women's Conference, Night at The Village is once again "The Place to Be" as the Long Beach Convention Center's exhibit hall has been transformed into a 160,000 square foot women's village of inspiring experiences, offering attendees the chance to "Meet, Mix and Mingle with Architects of Change".

The Women's Conference created Night at The Village in 2008 as a response to increasing demand and has expanded it this year. The event will feature stage conversations with prominent speakers; book signings with more than 25 best-selling authors; nationally-renowned experts with presentations on cooking & food, health & wellness, fitness, spirituality and greening your life; live music and dancing exhibitions; and unique shopping experiences, products, services and information for women from more than 330 exhibitors. The Village stays open throughout the conference and is a popular gathering spot for speakers, authors and attendees. Proceeds from Night at The Village support The Women's Conference's WE Programs.

"Night at The Village is a celebration of women and all the things we love," said Maria Shriver. "From the very beginning, the vision for this event was to enrich a woman's mind, body and spirit by connecting them to important information, products, services, professional networking and volunteer opportunities, as well as to other women who will empower them to be Architects of Change in their lives, within their communities and around the world."

Participant and program highlights for Night at The Village include:

- A main stage program featuring remarks by **Maria Shriver** and Long Beach Mayor **Bob Foster**; inspirational presentations by health and wellness expert **Jillian Michaels**, renowned life coach and author **Martha Beck** and celebrity chef **Paula Deen**; and a salsa dancing exhibition with *Dancing With the Stars* choreographer **Wendy Johnson**.
- Stage presentations featuring **Mario Lopez & Marissa Lopez Wong**, celebrity trainer **Bob Greene**, chefs **Jamie & Bobby Deen** and **Jewels & Jill Elmore**, Kabbalah Center co-founder **Karen Berg**, cosmetic entrepreneur **Victoria Jackson**, environmental advocate **Majora Carter** and acclaimed yoga teacher **Seane Corn**.
- Stage interviews with best-selling authors **Claire Shipman**, **Kate Gosselin**, **Sue Monk Kidd & Ann Kidd Taylor**, **Greg Mortenson**, **Kay Warren**, **Valerie Bertinelli**, **Candace Bushnell**, **Kim Barnouin** and **Ariane De Bonvoisin**.
- Book-signings with more than 25 best-selling authors, including **Maria Shriver**, **Caroline Kennedy**, **Martha Beck**, **Jean Chatsky**, **Claire Shipman**, **Candace Bushnell**, **Sue Monk Kid & Ann Kidd Taylor**, **Nicholas Kristof** and **Paula Deen**.

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Night at The Village is presented by sponsor Lean Cuisine.

"As the presenting sponsor of Night at The Village, Lean Cuisine is thrilled to have the opportunity to empower and inspire women," said Kristin Gibbs, Marketing Director for Lean Cuisine. "Lean Cuisine shares in the conference's belief that women united by a common purpose have infinite potential to change the world around them. We're looking forward to partnering with The Women's Conference to encourage women to do something good for themselves and for others each and every day."

The Women's Conference 2009 is supported by generous sponsors that share its mission of empowering, inspiring and educating women. Safeway, a Conference Presenting Sponsor, will feature the best of California's healthy cuisine at The Village. Target will return as The Minerva Awards Presenting Sponsor. The Shinnyo-en Foundation is the Presenting Sponsor of A Day of Transformation. The Conference National Media Partner is Disney ABC Television Group. Wells Fargo and the Women's Self Worth Foundation are the Conference Community Investment Champions. Conference Official Sponsors include Anthem Blue Cross, Apple, BP, Cisco, FedEx, HealthNet, Intuit, Mattel, PG&E, Verizon, Visa and Walgreens. Virgin America is The Official Airline of The Women's Conference.

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