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Food Network Host Announced as Tapestry Speaker

Sandra Lee, host of the Food Network's Emmy-winning series, *Semi-Homemade Cooking with Sandra Lee*, is the keynote speaker for 2010's *Tapestry: A Day for Women*. The announcement was made this morning (Thursday, Sept. 10) at a news conference at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW). The Tapestry event is Friday, April 23, 2010, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Sandra Lee has a passion for simple solutions that create dramatic results in all areas of home life. An internationally acclaimed home and food expert, she has revolutionized the way people think about traditional, time consuming, "from-scratch" methods. With her trademark 70/30 philosophy, which combines 70 percent ready-made products with 30 percent fresh touches, Lee creates inspirational meals and breathtaking living environments that are affordable and attainable.

Major sponsors for this year's event announced at the news conference include Parkview Health, WAJI, Indiana's News Center, Jophiek, Boyden & Youngblutt, Cookie Cottage, Inc., DeBrand's Fine Chocolates, Barbara's New Beginnings, Beers, Mallers, Backs, and Salin, LLP, A Party Apart, Beijo Bags, Born Again Quilts, Silpada Designs, Arbonne International, Midwest Home Design, ENT Facial Plastic Surgery, and The Total Look. Check the Tapestry website for sponsor and exhibitor opportunities or call the Tapestry Information Line at 260-481-6854.

It was also announced that nominations are now open for the Tapestry Dedication Award. Each year, Tapestry is dedicated to a female role model whose positive activities have encompassed all aspects of her life: family, community, and profession. Nominations are due Oct. 31, 2009. Nomination forms are available at the Tapestry website: www.ipfw.edu/taspestry.

A print quality photo of Lee is available on the Tapestry website. For more information, contact Ruth Stone at 260-481-6854 or 260-402-2490 or stonerl@ipfw.edu.

Key Info

–Keynote speaker for Tapestry is Sandra Lee, Food Network host

–Friday, April 23, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

–Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

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