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Quota International

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Quota International Celebrates 90th Anniversary

Quota International, one of the world's oldest international service organizations, celebrates its ninetieth anniversary in 2009. Quota International of (**town**) has been part of this network since (**date**), serving the local community in a variety of ways, including (**insert club service highlights**). Several service and growth initiatives are planned for the anniversary year to commemorate the organization's milestones internationally and locally.

Quota International was founded by Wanda Frey Joiner in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1919 and became the first international service organization for women. Joiner, inspired by the camaraderie and personal growth she observed among members of her local Kiwanis Club, created a similar service group open to businesswomen like herself. Today, Quota International includes women and men in its network of nearly 6, 500 members in 300 local clubs in 14 countries.

The service mission of Quota International focuses on deaf and hard-of-hearing persons and disadvantaged women and children. Together, local clubs provide hundreds of thousands of service hours and over a million dollars each year to help people in need in their own communities and worldwide. Many clubs provide scholarships for deaf persons or for students planning careers related to speech and hearing.

The organization also works together to increase service impact when needs arise, such as the relief efforts arranged following hurricanes Katrina and Rita that resulted in donations of more than USD45,000, thousands of service hours, and numerous in-kind donations for people and organizations affected by the disasters. Likewise, Quota's award-winning Club-to-Club World Service program channels aid directly to service efforts run by Quota clubs in developing nations, including the Philippines, India, Malaysia, Suriname, and Fiji.

Many Quota clubs participate in initiatives promoted by the international organization. The Cops 'n' Kids literacy program, for example, encourages reading and strengthens relationships between police forces and the communities they serve. Also, Quota's Sound Beginnings project in partnership with Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc., provides hearing aids to children from low-income families, while the Shatter Silence campaign established by Quota raised awareness of deafness.

For more information on Quota service, visit www.wesharefoundation.org. To learn more about Quota International of (**club**), contact (member name) at (**member contact information**).

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