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Sonia Greteman named 2012 Donna E. Sweet Humanitarian of the Year

Tickets on sale now for annual recognition event and fundraiser

WICHITA, KAN. – **Sonia Greteman**, founder, president, and creative director of Wichita-based marketing communications agency Greteman Group, is the 2012 recipient of the Donna E. Sweet Humanitarian of the Year award, which will be presented May 21 at The Crown Uptown Theatre, 3207 E. Douglas Ave.

Donna E. Sweet, MD, KU Wichita Internal Medicine Midtown physician and world-renowned HIV/AIDS expert, created the award in 2005 to recognize those who have made significant contributions to the Wichita community through their leadership and guidance as well as philanthropic and selfless actions.

Greteman has a long history of giving both time and resources (*a complete biography is attached*). Organizations and initiatives served include:

- Wichita Aero Club board member and communications chair
- Wichita State University Foundation National Advisory Council member
- Ulrich Museum Advisory Board member
- WSU School of Entrepreneurship guest lecturer
- City of Wichita Design Council past president
- ConnectCare's AIDS program past board member
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sedgwick County
- Spay-Neuter Kansas
- Wichita Area Council of Girl Scouts
- Communities in Schools
- Wichita Grand Opera
- Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots
- YMCA

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“Dr. Sweet exemplifies the best of Wichita and humankind,” Greteman said. “She saw an unmet need and in true pioneering fashion, set to work filling it. I am humbled and honored to receive an award bearing her name.

“One of my favorite quotes has always been, ‘It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.’ I believe that to the core of my being.”

Greteman will be honored at “An Evening of Note,” which was created to recognize the award winner as well as to raise money for the Sweet Emergency Fund that provides health care assistance to HIV-positive individuals.

Past winners are Ron Holt (2011); Dr. James J. Rhatigan (2010); Larry and Anita Jones (2009); Wayne Bryan (2008); Sister Helene Lentz (2007); Gloria Farha Flentje and Jack Focht (2006); Jill and Thomas Docking (2005).

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person and are available until May 16 by calling (316) 293-3595. Tickets must be purchased in advance; they will not be sold at the door.

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