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**Local Business Awarded 2007
Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts**

Boston, MA, Tuesday, October 30, 2007 – Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers CEO and Founder, Susan Leger-Ferraro was notified that Little Sprouts Enrichment Centers will be inducted as one of the **2007 Top 100 Woman- Led Businesses in Massachusetts** , by Babson College and The Commonwealth Institute. The award ceremony and private reception will be held December 3, 2007 at JFK Memorial Library. Leger-Ferraro will be recognized for her efforts as an outstanding woman who has led her business to high achievements over the last 25 years.

As founder of Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers, Susan Leger-Ferraro has been recognized as an innovator in the field, having been awarded 2007 ATHENA International Award, 2006 Partners in Education Award, US Department of Education Awards totaling \$5MM and several Massachusetts Workforce Training Grants aimed at improving the educational workforce and literacy scores of children. "Our commitment to intentionally investing in our children, teachers and communities is the wisdom that influences our continued growth." states Leger Ferraro.

About Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers

Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers have been leaders in exceptional early education and care since 1982, focusing on academic and the metacognition of children, teachers and families. From the beginning, Little Sprouts has been committed to creating a holistic experience for children, combining an enchanting atmosphere and scientifically based curriculum with an outstanding range of services. Little Sprouts centers include seven sites in Andover, Methuen, Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill, Westford and Roxbury. For more information visit www.littlesprouts.com

About the Commonwealth Institute of the Top 100 Women Led Businesses

The Commonwealth Institute's mission is to support women CEO's, entrepreneurs and senior corporate executives by helping them grow their businesses and careers. To learn more about the Top 100 Women Led Businesses Award, visit www.commonwealthinstitute.org

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