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**WOMENSTRUST ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, DANA DAKIN**

New London, NH, February 21, 2012—The WomensTrust U.S. Board of Directors announced today that founder and president Dana Dakin has retired from the board, after nine years of serving in the leadership of the non-profit she founded in 2003 to empower impoverished women and girls in Ghana through microfinance, education and access to healthcare.

“At the end of 2011, I made the decision to step down as president and U.S. board member. While my formal role with WomensTrust has ended, I have committed to continue as an available resource to both the U.S. and Ghana boards and staff of the organization throughout 2012,” said Dakin, who established WomensTrust after a long and successful career as an entrepreneur and marketing consultant for financial institutions.

Since its inception, WomensTrust has provided microloans to more than 2,300 women to support their small enterprises, and given more than 700 educational scholarships to girls in Pokuase, Ghana.

“I end my tenure with WomensTrust in celebration, knowing that the organization has gained notable strength to move to the next level,” Dakin continued. “As founder, I plan to direct my passion to the second half of the WomensTrust mission: inspire others to do the same elsewhere.”

“WomensTrust has reached the point in its growth and maturity that has enabled our founder to pursue new opportunities for expanding the reach of her vision,” said Barbara Lucas, Chair of the WomensTrust Board of Directors. “Dana has been the guiding force behind WomensTrust since its founding,” Lucas continued, “and we will continue to build on all she has done to empower women and girls in Ghana.

“We hope Dana’s commitment and generosity will inspire others to contribute to our programs in Ghana, thereby empowering even more women and girls throughout the country.”

About WomensTrust

WomensTrust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2003 that empowers women and girls in Ghana, West Africa – through microenterprise, education, and healthcare – and inspires others to do the same elsewhere. Learn more about WomensTrust at www.womenstrust.org.