70th Illinois Mother of the Year® Announced

Evanston mother honored for service to community, philanthropy and family

Washington, DC (January 9, 2020) – – Today, Margaret Storey of Evanston was announced as the 2020 Illinois Mother of the Year $\mathbb R$. She was nominated for her contributions as a mother in her home, workplace and community. She is the 70th woman in Illinois history to hold this honor.

Mrs. Storey is the inspirational mother of one and a Professor of History and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at DePaul University. She is being recognized for her work as a parent advocate for children with medical complexity and disability.

Mrs. Storey, along with honorees from states across the US, will be recognized during the 85th National Convention of American Mothers, Inc. in Washington, DC, April 19th – 21st. She will also serve as an ambassador for Illinois mothers during visits with members of Congress. One honoree will be named the National Mother of the Year® during a gala fundraiser for the American Mothers' "Golden Rule Grant Fund" on April 21st.

"For 85 years American Mothers, Inc. has held the responsibility of searching for and selecting the Mother of the Year in every state, district and territory in our country," said Connell Branan, Board President. "Like all of the honorees before her, Mrs. Storey now joins the ranks of Illinois history, with the opportunity to become a part of American history as she represents the mothers in her state and is considered for the honor of 2020 National Mother of the Year."

For a full list of State Mother of the Year® honorees please visit AmericanMothers.org.

Nominations for Mother of the Year® are accepted annually, Mothers Day – September 15, at AmericanMothers.org.

For general media inquiries or to set up an interview with Mrs. Margaret Storey: news@americanmothers.org (575) 779-2599

About American Mothers: American Mothers, Inc. (AMI) is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization given the responsibility of searching for and selecting the National Mother of the Year® from honorees representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Founded in 1931 as the Mothers Day Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation, AMI named the first Mother of the Year on behalf of the nation in 1935. Many outstanding individuals throughout America have served as officers, leaders, members and supporters of this organization such as Sarah Delano Roosevelt, J.C. Penney, First Lady Mamie Eisenhower, Norman Vincent Peale, Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, Phyllis Marriott and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Today, our mission is to harness the power of maternal energy to make a positive impact in the world.

For more information about the organization, visit <u>AmericanMothers.org</u> and look for @AmericanMothers and #MomNation on social media.