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RUBY AWARD - JILL PILGRIM, CEO PILGRIM TECHNOLOGY

MIDLAND, MI, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2010: Jill Pilgrim, CEO of Pilgrim Technology LLC, and Chris Tointon, CEO and Executive Director of the Midland Community Center, are both recipients of the first annual RUBY Award. A collaboration between WNEM TV-5, 1st State Bank and *Interlude* magazine, the RUBY Award was established to bring awareness to business professionals demonstrating outstanding achievement throughout the Tri-City Area. Nominees were judged primarily on professional success, although community and non-profit involvement were contributing factors. They had to be under 40 years old and live or work in Bay, Midland or Saginaw Counties.

Jill Pilgrim and her husband Jim jointly founded Pilgrim Technology LLC, a technology firm that focuses on research and development of sensors, secure radio systems, wireless networking, and secure wireless communications, with customers

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including the United States Army and Navy and the Department of Homeland Security as well as private businesses and individuals throughout the United States. After three years in operation, Pilgrim Technology was recognized by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for the company's contribution to economic growth. Jill believes in the importance of partnerships and empowering her employees through training and delegation. She is a sponsor of Sweet Success, and is involved in many church activities, the United Way, and fundraising for hurricane relief efforts.

Chris Tointon started his career at the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago as the Youth Sports director, where his exceptional success earned him a promotion to Senior Program Director at the age of 28. In August 2003, the board recruited him to take over as Executive Director of the Midland Community Center. Christ has successfully started programs such as ExCEED and has created new visions of correct-environment summer specialty camps for children to help them thrive. Chris is heavily involved in the community, serving on the Midland Kids First Executive Board, the Midland Youth Task Force Steering Committee, and the Partnership for Education Board, among others.

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ABOUT PILGRIM TECHNOLOGY LLC

Pilgrim Technology LLC is a company that is dedicated to technology innovation and customer satisfaction. This dedication opens the doors to create a dynamic experience for employees and customers alike. Formed in 2002, Pilgrim Technology is a women-owned small business. First opened in Midland, Michigan as a wireless technology solutions company, Pilgrim Technology LLC has expanded to offer additional solutions to commercial entities and government agencies. Pilgrim Technology LLC offers complete solutions in Rapid-Prototyping, Sensor and Optics Development, Rugged Mobile Devices, and Advanced Network Designs. Pilgrim Technology LLC has significantly expanded commercial services offerings to include Cisco Systems, Linksys, Fortress Technologies Inc., IBM (Lenovo), Dell, and Hewlett-Packard.

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