

# Philadelphia-Area Pharmaceutical Company Makes A Global Impact

**FEMMEPHARMA SPECIALIZES IN MEDICINE FOR WOMEN**

Starting in this edition, The Bulletin will be running a weekly column titled, "Positive Profiles," which will take a look at corporate, nonprofit and civic individuals who are making a difference.

"Positive Profiles" will provide behind-the-scenes insights on people who have significantly contributed to society, risen above great hardships or fought the good fight under challenging, unpopular or seemingly impossible conditions. Occasionally, we will feature an everyday person who has a remarkable story to share.

The goal of "Positive Profiles" is to bring positive news about people who are making a positive difference. Be sure to look for this special feature in each Weekend Edition of The Bulletin, beginning Friday.

**G**erianne Tringali-DiPiano, president and CEO of FemmePharma Global Healthcare in Wayne, is laying the groundwork to change women's lives across the globe.

Established in 1996, FemmePharma Global Healthcare develops drugs for diseases and disorders disproportionately affecting women throughout the world. The company aims to improve the quality of life for women by providing therapeutic regimens that treat diseases while reducing or eliminating side effects associated with current treatment options. Its niche is providing women-friendly products in areas of high unmet need, low penetration by existing therapeutic options and high clinical value for women. A few near-term therapeutic areas the company is pursuing include urinary incontinence, mastalgia, dysmenorrhea, dysfunctional uterine bleeding, endometriosis and sexually transmitted diseases.

Tringali-DiPiano first recognized the need to reduce painful side effects of treatments that extended life while working in a hospice during her teen years. Seeing patients suffer motivated her to think of ways she could

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said Tringali-DiPiano.

The Maryland native first heard her calling into the life sciences as a young girl — sometimes to her parents' surprise.

"On a number of occasions, I would bring lab animals home, which my mother would find in the freezer," chuckled Tringali-DiPiano. "But my parents supported my love for science and continue to do so to this day.

"My father is my greatest mentor in business," continued DiPiano. "He is an amazing entrepreneur who always kept his priorities in order. His love for God and family were always his first priority. My mother is my role model. Her priorities are similar, and I have inherited traits from both parents. I consider God to be the driving force behind my motivation. He is my greatest inspiration. Without God, nothing would have been or will be possible."

FemmePharma Global Healthcare employs about 20 people and has a board of scientific advisors of five physician-thought leaders and distinguished health care researchers.

"FemmePharma is comprised of a team of incredibly dedicated individuals who share a passion to bring healing and improving the quality of life for women under treatment across the globe," said Tringali-DiPiano.

Tringali-DiPiano is as motivated by her market as she is by those with whom she works.

"It's a bittersweet experience when I meet a woman who suffers from a disease we are working on," said Tringali-DiPiano. "Bitter because I am saddened by her suffering. But meeting these women encourages me to continue to press forward in uncovering the mysteries of the



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Gerianne Tringali-DiPiano, president and CEO of Wayne-based FemmePharma Global Healthcare, poses near her pharmaceutical company's logo. FemmePharma specializes in drugs for diseases that disproportionately affect women.

my success," she said. "He has given me my husband and daughter, which are my greatest pleasure. They are a hundred percent supportive of my need to respond to the demands my work places upon our family. God has also given me my profession, the FemmePharma team and the ability to create life-changing products to improve the quality of lives of women throughout the world."

When asked what her classmates would have expected her to become, Tringali-DiPiano replied, "My nickname was 'Germaine the Brain.' Everyone expected me to become a research scientist."

Tringali-DiPiano expresses both concerns and optimism in her outlook on the Philadelphia region:

"Like everyone else, I am concerned about the rising rate of crime. But there is so much beyond the headlines that the region has to offer. We have a plethora of life sciences and learning institutions throughout the tri-state area. It's imperative that we invest in educating our children in life sciences beginning in early grade school, and encourage them to explore such careers as they advance toward graduation.

"The Philadelphia region is poised to become the life sciences Silicon Valley of the East Coast. We need to invest accordingly to make that happen."

To learn more about FemmePharma Global Healthcare, visit its Web site at [www.fpghc.com](http://www.fpghc.com)