

## **Travel Agents Win National Business Award In Celebration of Women's History Month**

*CruiseOne® and Cruises Inc. honor female agents with OPAL Award  
for leadership and community service*

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (March 8, 2016)** – Leading home-based travel agencies CruiseOne® and Cruises Inc.® celebrate Women's History Month in March by honoring a female vacation specialist from CruiseOne and Cruises Inc. with the OPAL Award for Women. The company has named Karen Coleman-Ostrov and Jo Ann Williams the 2016 recipients of this prestigious award.

The OPAL Award recognizes a female franchise owner and independent vacation specialist who demonstrate **O**utstanding **P**erformance **A**nd **L**eadership. The honoree is active in community and civic organizations, is among CruiseOne and Cruises Inc.'s top selling agents and has exhibited strong business skills. Coleman-Ostrov and Williams will each receive three months of waived fees and a \$100 gift certificate.

"As the OPAL Award continues to grow in popularity each year, so does the caliber of nominations," said Tim Courtney, vice president of franchise and network development at CruiseOne and Cruises Inc. "The judging panel was overwhelmed by every single nominee's passion for travel and giving back to others. This spirit inspires and encourages our entire network and contributes to a well-rounded group of travel professionals, ultimately driving success."

A resident of Gilbert, Ariz., Coleman-Ostrov has been a CruiseOne franchise owner for five years and embodies the spirit of the OPAL Award and Women's History Month through her involvement with the women-only networking groups Women's Success Referral Group and Female Empowered Networking, both of which work to empower and support local businesswomen, as well as partners with regional charities to improve the community. In addition, she has aligned herself with CruiseOne's signature charity Make-A-Wish®, by donating her previous car to the organization's Wheels for Wishes initiative.

Williams has been a Cruises Inc. vacation specialist in Manassas, Va. for five years and has made helping underprivileged children a personal and business mission. She volunteers for the Main Street Development Center, which provides childcare for low-income families; Feed My Starving Children Organization, which sends hand-packed meals to malnourished children around the world; and on a recent cruise donated school supplies to children in the Bahamas through a partnership with The Sandals Foundation, the non-profit arm of Sandals Resorts International, as part of Pack for a Purpose®.

CruiseOne and Cruises Inc. is committed to being "Rich in Diversity" and empowers all owners, agents and employees to reach their highest potential by leveraging their broad range of talent, experiences, personalities, viewpoints and ideas to generate business growth.

For more information on joining these award-winning agencies, please visit [www.cruiseonefranchise.com](http://www.cruiseonefranchise.com) to learn more about owning a CruiseOne travel franchise, and visit [www.sellcruises.com](http://www.sellcruises.com) to learn more about the Cruises Inc. host agency.

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