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StartupNation.com Honors Nation's Leading Moms in Business

FIRST STEPS EARLY LEARNING CENTER Wins Top Honors in Mom Business Competition

Medford / Woburn, MA – October 12, 2010 – From among thousands of contestants, **FIRST STEPS EARLY LEARNING CENTER** has been ranked **#183** in StartupNation.com's 2010 Leading Moms in Business competition of the United States (www.startupnation.com/leading-moms-in-business), sponsored by Infusionsoft (www.infusionsoft.com).

Over 709,000 votes were cast in support of the 2010 contestants, reflecting immense interest and supportiveness for moms building businesses at the same time they tend to their families.

"There's been a sea change among moms as they've come to realize that adding entrepreneurship to their lives brings exhilaration and immense gratification, not to mention supplemental—sometimes primary—income to their families in these economic times," says Rich Sloan, chief *startupologist* and co-founder of StartupNation.

First Steps Early Learning Center opened its doors in Medford, MA in January 2007. It was created by a working mom who wanted the best for her child and for other children. "I was frustrated with the quality of child care out there and high price. I didn't start this venture to turn a profit. I did this for my son because I wanted the best for him and knew there were families out there that felt the same way I did. Children thrive in a loving, family environment and they deserve a quality education and healthy snacks and parents shouldn't have to pay outrageous prices for care. That's what we provide, quality education in a loving family environment. Your child will be treated as if he / she were like my own. We're making a difference in the lives of children one step at a time."

The winner's profile for **FIRST STEPS EARLY LEARNING CENTER** can be found at the following web address. <http://www.startupnation.com/leading-moms-in-business/contestant/7679/index.php>.

The 2010 Leading Moms in Business ranking, conducted in collaboration with Ladies Who Launch (www.ladieswholaunch.com) and The National Association for Moms in Business (www.mibn.org), highlights some of the dominant trends, motivations and attributes among moms in business. They include:

- A great eye for providing attractive discounts, coupons, savings and value, all especially important to consumer moms of the recession era.
- A likelihood to come up with innovative products and solutions to address the challenging maze of motherhood. It's an environment that demands resourcefulness.
- Conscience-driven business, where "doing well" is just fine, but the real rush comes from doing good.

Thank you to all of the families, friends and staff who have made this possible! – Sabira Beg

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About StartupNation

StartupNation (www.startupnation.com) provides over 175,000 pages of business advice and networking for entrepreneurs and serves millions of entrepreneurs annually. StartupNation is a free service founded *by* entrepreneurs *for* entrepreneurs with the intention of providing a one-stop shop for entrepreneurial success, including blogs from a host of experts, podcasts, webcasts, eBooks such as Start Your Own Mom Business (www.startupnation.com/mom-business), award-winning step-by-step advice, and more.

StartupNation co-founders, Rich Sloan and Jeff Sloan, are two of the country's leading small business experts. The Sloan brothers speak frequently at entrepreneurial forums and recently hosted a Public Television special helping people transform their passions into business opportunities. They are authors of *StartupNation: Open for Business*, published by Doubleday. The Sloan brothers are regularly quoted and featured in media such as *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Fortune Small Business*, *Entrepreneur Magazine*, *CNN*, *CNBC*, *MSNBC*, *FOX News* and many others.

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