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## **Eight Added to Whalen & Co. Growing Team**

**WORTHINGTON, Ohio (September 26, 2008)** – Whalen & Co., a full-service accounting and consulting firm, has added Amy Chandler, staff auditor; Christy Eichel, tax specialist; John Maike, staff accountant; John Butterfield, director of business development; Angela Grooms, marketing & business development assistant; Kylee Chastain, payroll specialist; Emily Stevens, payroll specialist; and Tracy Ceritelli, director of first impressions, to its growing firm.

**Amy Chandler, CPA (Staff Auditor)** – Chandler is a part-time staff auditor with Whalen & Co., and works primarily on audits for small business, 401K plans and 1040 tax returns. She earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. She has extensive experience in the areas of corporate, partnership, trust and individual returns, including high net-worth individuals. Chandler's previous work includes audit and tax experience with a large Memphis real estate developer, experience with manufacturers and distributors and non-profit entities. She is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in the state of Ohio.

**Christina Eichel, CPA (Tax Specialist)** – Eichel has over four years of tax experience, including tax work for individuals, trusts, small businesses, and public companies. She earned both a bachelor of arts degree in international relations and a master's degree in accounting from Kent State University. She is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in the state of Ohio, and is a member of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants.

**John Maike (Staff Accountant)** – Maike majored in accounting at The Ohio State University and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. His previous work experience includes auditing, review and compilations. For Whalen & Co Maike will work in compilations, sales tax, payroll tax, individual and corporate tax returns, and in auditing.

**John Butterfield (Director of Business Development)** – Butterfield joins Whalen & Co. after 11 years as the executive director of the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce. His previous work experience also includes 24 years as assistant to the superintendent of Worthington Schools. Butterfield is a former Sharon Township Trustee, currently serving on Worthington City Council. He has a bachelor's degree in English from Miami University and his master's degree in journalism from The Ohio State University.

**Angela Grooms (Marketing & Business Development Assistant)** – Grooms joins Whalen & Co after working as an independent marketing and communications contractor for Cardington-Lincoln Local School District in Cardington, OH. She graduated magna cum laude from Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She brings to Whalen & Co. eight years of experience in marketing, communications and public relations.

**Kylee Chastain (Payroll Specialist)** – Prior to joining Whalen & Co, Chastain worked paying union payroll for an international shipping company. She brings to Whalen more than five years of customer service experience and four years of payroll processing experience. She earned a bachelor of science degree in social psychology from Park University.

**Emily Stevens (Payroll Specialist)** – Emily joins Whalen & Co after working for a third party logistics company and an international shipping company. She brings over five years of payroll processing experience. She holds an associate's degree in business management from Northwest State Community College.

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**Tracy Ceritelli (Director of First Impressions)** – Tracy, a native of Worthington, joins Whalen & Co after spending five years as a teacher's aide with the St. Michael School in Worthington. At St. Michael she assisted with the day-to-day organization of the classroom, interacted with students and parents, and was a substitute teacher.

**About Whalen & Co. CPAs and Consultants**

Whalen & Company, CPAs and Consultants is a full-service CPA firm, providing financial services to both businesses and individuals. Established in 1945, the firm is an independent member of GMN Enterprises - an international association for independent certified public accounting firms. The firm specializes in a wide range of financial services, including but not limited to tax preparation, accounting, auditing and payroll. The goal of Whalen & Co. CPAs and Consultants is to provide business and individuals with **Information** and **Insight** that assist in creating sustained **Growth** and ongoing professional guidance.

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