

For the past 14 years, the YWCA of Maricopa County has hosted the YWCA Tribute to Women Awards Luncheon to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of ten (10) distinguished women who strive daily to improve the lives of women and girls through their leadership, advocacy, and community service while achieving success in their career fields. These women have fully embraced the YWCA's mission of eliminating discrimination and empowering women.

We invite you to nominate a woman to receive one of the prestigious awards that will be presented at the next YWCA Tribute to Women Luncheon scheduled for **Thursday, February 21, 2008** at The Arizona Biltmore in the Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom. Tribute to Women is the primary fundraiser for the YWCA of Maricopa County; proceeds from this event will touch a life, extend a hand, fill a heart, and provide services that foster hope.

Nominations are available online at www.ywca.org/maricopacounty or call (602) 258-0990 and an application can be emailed to you. Please complete the application and return it to the YWCA of Maricopa County by Friday, September 14, 2007 by 5:00 p.m. Late nominations will not be accepted. The award criteria and nomination procedures are outlined on the following page. All nominations must have supporting documentation to receive consideration from the Tribute Selection Committee. If you need additional information regarding the award process, contact Tina Bronson, Director of Development at (602) 258-0990 Ext. 16 or by email at Tina.Bronson@ywcaaz.org.

Our lives are touched and often changed as a result of an extraordinary woman. Recognize her accomplishments by nominating her for the distinguished Tribute to Women Award. Nominate your champion today!

a Nominating Procedure a

The nomination application must be completed in full to be considered. All nominee and nominator information must be completed. Nominations must be submitted to the YWCA by 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2007.

In completing the nomination form:

- All nominations must be typed, double-spaced and limited to 10 pages (8.5" x 11"). This may include newspaper/magazine clippings or other documents that support - not restate - your nomination.
- Answer all questions. To ensure full consideration of your nomination, supporting documentation must accompany the official nomination form.
- Scrapbooks or videotapes are not permissible; return of photos and documents are not guaranteed.

a Nominee Criteria a

Each nominee must meet all of the following criteria:

- Supports the success of the YWCA of Maricopa County.
- Lives and / or works in Maricopa County.
- Exemplifies respect for the value of diversity and contributes to the empowerment of women.
- Demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities in the category for which she is nominated.
- Commits to participate in the Tribute video program and the **2008 YWCA Tribute to Women Awards Luncheon** on February 21, 2008.

Tribute to Women

a Award Categories a

Business Leader

The award in business leadership is presented to a woman whose superior passion, initiative and accomplishment in business is complimented by her continuous inspiring commitment to creating tangible positive change in her community.

Creative Arts Leader

The award in creative arts leadership is presented to a woman who is respected for going above and beyond to excel in the performance, service, or teaching of the creative arts while also leading efforts to increase opportunities for other women.

Education Leader

The award in education leadership is presented to a woman whose remarkable and tangible commitment to education and learning empowers and inspires the voices of girls and women.

Emerging Leader

The award given to distinguish an emerging leader honors an up and coming woman age 35 or under whose recognized initiative, passion, drive and action have made a tangible positive difference in improving the lives of others.

Health & Science Leader

The award in health and science leadership is presented to a woman whose exemplary initiative and creative approach to the advancements within the fields of science and health is inspiring and motivating.

Philanthropy Leader

The award is given to a distinguished community driven woman who has worked to raise funds and gives personally of her time, talent, and treasure to organizations that deal with women's and children's issues.

Public Service Leader

The award in public service leadership is presented to a woman who exhibits outstanding dedication to serving the well being of the public through her chosen field of work and with her voluntary and advocacy efforts related to program's that empower and build women's confidence.

Sports Leader

The award given to honor a leader in sports celebrates the accomplishments of a woman whose actions make a tangible difference in improving the physical and emotional wellbeing of other people's lives.

Racial Justice Leader

The award in racial justice leadership is presented to a woman who through career, volunteer, advocacy and personal capacities serves as a champion for diversity and civil rights.

a Tribute Selection Committee a

Candidates for the 2008 Tribute to Women awards are nominated by the general public. An independent jury selects honorees based upon their commitment to the empowerment of women and the elimination of discrimination, as well as their contributions in their respective fields. The tenth category is the Dorothy Willey Award which recognizes a YWCA volunteer and is selected by the YWCA Board of Directors.

Nomination Deadline

All nominations must be received by Friday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Please mail, fax, or email nominations to:

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2008 Tribute to Women
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