

After much consideration, the International Women's Day Steering Committee and the Phoenix Women's Commission have made a decision, in consultation with City management, to cancel the luncheon portion of the 2009 International Women's Day celebration. This decision was made in an effort to maximize the amount of funding available for 2009-10 scholarship awards.

Based on the economic challenges facing the corporate partners that have made this event such a success in the past, sponsorship commitments are significantly lower than in previous years. By eliminating the cost of putting on the luncheon event we can allocate all sponsorship funds directly to scholarships. This seems to be the most fiscally responsible decision to make given that now, more than ever, women need to pursue their education in order to provide for their families. By taking this action we feel that we are being true to the intent of the program and continuing our support of women in our community. In lieu of the luncheon, the IWD Steering Committee and the Commission will host a small reception to give recognition to those companies that are continuing their support and allowing us to allocate their donations directly to scholarships. We will also recognize scholarship recipients and our college partners.

The Equal Opportunity Department, The Phoenix Women's Commission, and the IWD Steering Committee wish to express their gratitude to corporate and community sponsors for your past and current support of this event.

If you have questions please contact the Equal Opportunity Department at 602-261-8242.