



Phoenix Women's Commission

CITY OF PHOENIX WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Presents

THE SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN AWARD

Overview

The Inaugural Women Empowering Women Award was established in 2015 by the Phoenix Women's Commission, through the inspiration of national trailblazer Lilly Ledbetter and the passage of the Equal Pay Act. *The Women Empowering Women Award* serves to distinguish and honor women who are making significant contributions within our community. The recipient uses their precious time, talent and energy to enrich the lives of other women within our neighborhoods and the City at large. The award recipient may serve as a mentor, volunteer, or social innovator for good without an expectation of recognition or gratitude. Indeed, they are often the glue that holds fragile communities and their members together. Their quiet strength and commitment to their passion sets them apart from others and provides a phenomenal example. Our community desperately needs more individuals just like them. These women impact the quality of life of other women and girls in ways big and small. They attempt to collaboratively lift others out of poverty or help them more effectively manage life's challenging circumstances through their dedication, compassion and, ultimately, selfless volunteerism.

“I’m often asked if I’ll be passing the torch onto someone else,” Steinem told the audience. “I say no, I won’t be passing it on. I’m using it to light the torches of others.” -- Gloria Steinem

Our Goals

The Women Empowering Women Award speaks directly to a key goal of the Phoenix Women's Commission: *“To provide information and educational programs to improve the status of women.”* In this regard, it highlights the problems of women within the City of Phoenix—be it physical, medical, social, economic or other unmet needs. As such, and with this award, the Phoenix Women's Commission hopes to be a catalyst for social good by simply reinforcing the enormous power and influence of a single individual's efforts—recognizing exemplary women within our community who are motivated to make a difference in the lives of other women and girls without personal benefit. It is our sincere hope that by sharing their stories, we will spur even more citizens into action and highlight areas where basic needs are currently unmet.

In the spirit of Margaret Mead, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

The Phoenix Women's Commission, in collaboration with the City of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department, will officially recognize an exceptional woman, an otherwise unsung heroine, who has made a difference in the lives of women and children outside the sphere of her stated, compensated employment. Furthermore, the Phoenix Women's Commission will showcase real-world stories of several other notable women who have volunteered their time to our community at its Annual Women's Economic Forum.

Eligibility Requirements: To be considered, nominees must:

- Reside within the City of Phoenix
- Should not have received any widespread recognition or awards in the past for the specific area of nomination
- They may not be compensated for their “voluntary” actions
- Nominees may not be employed by the City of Phoenix
- Nominees may not currently be serving in an appointment to the Phoenix Women’s Commission
- Winner must be available to attend and accept the Women Empowering Women Award at the Annual Women’s Economic Forum in October. Winner will be asked to provide an acceptance speech.
- Lastly, nominees may not be elected officials

Our Selection Process

The Phoenix Women’s Commission, with support from the City of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department, will support the dispersal of nomination forms to the wider community. A Selection Committee will serve as an equal voting block using an evaluation rubric with established criteria. No single individual will select awardees. One single woman will be slotted to win the Women Empowering Women Award, with several accomplished community volunteers highlighted at the Phoenix Women’s Commission Annual Women’s Economic Forum. Eligibility criteria will be followed as well as designated selection criteria. Self-nominations are permitted. Set application deadlines must be met.

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.” --Maya Angelou

Our Mission

The Phoenix Women's Commission provides advocacy, leadership and support on issues facing women of all ages to enhance their quality of life. The commission promotes the participation of women in civic and public affairs and advises the Mayor and City Council on women's issues.

For more information on the Equal Opportunity Phoenix Women’s Commission or to volunteer for commission events, call 602.262-6690 or refer to the following link:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/eod/commissions/phoenixwomens>

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Call for Nominations

Please review award goals and eligibility requirements. **Submission Deadline is September 27, 2016.** After completing this form, submit information to:

john.ojeda@phoenix.gov

Or

City of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department

Attention: John Ojeda, PWC Staff Liaison

200 W. Washington Street 15th Floor

Phoenix, AZ 85003

Nominee Information (Potential Awardee)

Name:

Title (if applicable):

Street Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Email:

Phone:

*If available, attach resume or profile information or LinkedIn/social media link.

Nominator Information (Please complete if you're nominating someone else/awardee is not self-nominated)

Name:

Title (if applicable):

Street Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Email:

Phone:

Question #1: Provide a brief biography of the nominee, including a description of the meaningful, relevant, volunteer work for women and/or girls within our community (a single spaced typed page or less).

Question #2: In a few sentences, describe the specific community need they fulfill and how this individual uses advocacy, education or personal leadership to address a need for women and/or girls.

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