

Accomplishments *(continued)*

- Creating, in partnership with the city, the Phoenix International Women's Day Program, which received the National League of Cities – National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials 2005 City Cultural Diversity Award
- Receiving recognition from the Arizona Women's Partnership Inc. in 2007 for the commission's work in supporting women

Meeting and Events Schedule

The Phoenix Women's Commission meets on the second Tuesday of every month, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Room 704 of the Calvin C. Goode Building, 251 W. Washington St. All meetings are open to the public.

The commission, staffed by the Equal Opportunity Department, also holds special events, which include the annual International Women's Day Luncheon in March and the annual Women's Economic Forum.

Interested in becoming a Commissioner?

Applications are available through the mayor's office at 602-262-7111, or the Equal Opportunity Department at 602-261-8242/voice or 602-534-5500/TTY. Applications also are available at phoenix.gov/phxwomen.

For more information on the Phoenix Women's Commission or to volunteer for commission events, call 602-495-3737.

International Women's Day Scholarship Program

The commission partners with the city of Phoenix, the International Women's Day Steering Committee, local business and community leaders, and area colleges to uplift women in our community by providing academic scholarships, recognition and a community awareness event.

The annual event is a product of a successful public/private partnership focused on eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and raising funds for educational scholarships for re-entry women.

Phoenix women are realizing their dreams of a better life through academic scholarships made possible by the IWD Steering Committee, the Phoenix Women's Commission and event sponsors.

For an alternate format, contact the Equal Opportunity Department at 602-261-8242/voice or 534-5500/TTY.

Phoenix Women's Commission



Message from the Chair



The Phoenix Women's Commission is proud of our more than 30 years of community involvement and accomplishments.

The commission's mandate is to address women's issues within the city of Phoenix and create partnerships among women's groups. We explore resolutions to the concerns of women, promote the contributions of women in civic and public affairs, and advise the mayor and City Council on issues facing women in Phoenix.

Our current focus includes:

- *Assisting women to gain access to education through awareness and scholarships*
- *Providing information and resources to increase safety for victims of domestic violence*
- *Enhancing financial literacy and economic independence for women*
- *Providing a vital link between government and community*
- *Building community partnerships that promote the status of women*
- *Identifying and addressing issues of critical importance to women*

As chair of the Phoenix Women's Commission, I am passionate about women's issues. Our plan is to address issues facing women in the workplace, economic empowerment, aging, elder care and health care disparities. I will bring enthusiastic leadership and an open heart to listen, learn and advance the vision and mission of the Phoenix Women's Commission!

*Theresa Jackson, Chair
Phoenix Women's Commission*

Commission Purpose

The Phoenix Women's Commission is an 18-member advisory board created by the city in 1975. The commission advises the mayor and City Council on matters concerning women.

The commission's mission is to provide advocacy and consultation on economic, political and social issues facing women. It also coordinates various community activities and special projects.

Roles and Responsibilities

Commissioners are appointed to serve three-year terms. Their roles and responsibilities are to:

- Define, review and prioritize the problems of women as those problems relate to the city, and develop alternative solutions to those problems
- Review the city of Phoenix affirmative action recruitment, hiring, placement and promotional programs, and salary equity to identify strengths and weaknesses and make recommendations of changes needed
- Evaluate projects as requested by the mayor and City Council
- Assist in efforts to provide information and educational programs to improve the status of women
- Work with women's organizations, businesses and other community groups to establish partnerships that assist the commission with proposed initiatives

Accomplishments

The Phoenix Women's Commission has built diverse coalitions to improve the status of women. Our accomplishments include:

- Partnering with the International Women's Day Steering Committee and the city of Phoenix on hosting the International Women's Day Scholarship Award Program for Re-entry Women. Since 1991, we have awarded more than 600 re-entry women with scholarships totaling more than \$700,000 for continuing education
- Sponsoring the annual Women's Economic Forum to promote economic empowerment and independence for women
- Producing an educational brochure and resource tool in English and Spanish to address the issue of domestic violence against women
- Promoting the city's Minority- and Woman-Owned Business Program and addressing disparities in doing business with the city
- Partnering with the National Association of Commissions on Women to address health issues among young and aging women through the Healthy Bones Osteoporosis Awareness Program, holding local osteoporosis-detection events and producing an informational brochure
- Collaborating with the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau to host a "Women's Leadership Forum," bringing together 25 influential Phoenix women to discuss the issues of working women and learn about the Women's Bureau services and programs

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