

23rd
Annual Tribute to Women



Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Convention Center

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**YWCA Omaha to Honor 11
at 23rd Annual Tribute to Women Luncheon**

Omaha, Neb., March 16—Eleven area women comprising 10 Outstanding Women and one Young Leader will be honored for their achievements at the 23rd annual YWCA Omaha Tribute to Women luncheon on Tuesday, June 8. The event is at the Holiday Inn Central, 72nd and Grover Streets, noon to 1:30 p.m.

The honorees are:

Cindy Bay

Community Volunteer

Oledia Bell

Deputy Wing Chaplain Offutt AFB
United States Air Force Chaplaincy

Betty Davis

The Harold W. Andersen Chair/Executive Director
Douglas County Historical Society

Kathy Fitzgerald Grandsaert

Senior Director of Development, Catholic Charities

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Joan Marie Ortmeier Lappe, PhD

Professor, Creighton University School of Nursing and
Creighton University School of Medicine,
CC. Criss and Beirne Endowed Chair of Nursing

Melissa Marvin

Performance Results Network Director
Cohen Brown Management Group

Mary Maxwell

Community Volunteer and
Ret. Vice President of Eide & Eide

Sue Morris

President, Heritage Services

Joan Squires

President, Omaha Performing Arts Society

Ellen Wright

Community Volunteer

Monica Ibarra

Young Leader

Community Volunteer and Student, Creighton University

Chairs for this year's Tribute to Women are Community Volunteer, Jane Rips and Dr. Ann Sjulín, Mid-City Ob-Gyn. "Ann Sjulín and I are awed by the accomplishments of this year's Tribute to Women honorees. We were overwhelmed by the number and caliber of the nominees, making our decisions even more difficult than usual. These women truly represent the best of Omaha," Rips said.

This year marks the first year that a total of 11 women will be honored including the 10 Outstanding Women and a Young Leader.

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The chairperson for the selection committee is the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Dean of the College of Education, Nancy Edick. The honorees were chosen from a distinguished list of nominees. A panel of judges from the community selected the 2010 women based on their residing and working or volunteering in the Greater Omaha Metropolitan Area; achievement and impact; involvement in community activities and a demonstrated commitment to helping women and their families build lives of strength, growth and stability. Additionally, the Young Leader must be between 16- and 22-years-old.

For table and ticket purchase information, contact YWCA Development Director, Mary Beth Steele, 402.345-6555, msteele@ywcaomaha.org or ywcaomaha.org.

Official bios and photos will be released at a later date.

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The YWCA Omaha mission is to help women and their families build lives of strength, growth and stability. The YWCA provides opportunities to create and take steps on the path toward self-determination and self-sufficiency. The organization assists women, wherever they might be on their journey, in achieving stable and hopeful lives. The mission is achieved through programs and services that include domestic violence advocacy, career services, counseling services, preventive training education, as well as nonviolence programs.