

For 22 Years, YWCA Omaha's Tribute to Women has celebrated the achievement of Omaha's distinguished leaders. They represent what many young girls hope to be, and with support and opportunity, can be. YWCA's Tribute to Women was the first program in Omaha to recognize the accomplishments of women.

We would like to thank Amy Deardorff for her outstanding leadership as the chair of the 2009 event, and Nancy Edick who served as the selection committee chair.

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