SAVE-THE-DATE

The 38th Annual Tribute to Women of Achievement Luncheon will be held on Thurs., Feb. 27 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown. Networking will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch and program from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Arlene McAtee is a native Iowan recently retired from her role of Executive Director of Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA). Her career involved leading and advocating for families affected by poverty and other vulnerable populations. Arlene will share her personal experience with domestic violence and the support her family had to help them move forward.

What is Tribute to Women of Achievement?

Each year, Waypoint upholds its rich tradition of recognizing women for their personal, professional, and civic contributions to the community through Tribute to Women of Achievement. Reflecting Waypoint’s mission of inspiring people to move forward, these women are agents of change in the Corridor through their innovations, organizational enhancements, leadership, and service to others. Their efforts demonstrate the positive influence and impact women have in our community every day. To date, over 1,500 women have been recognized for their achievements.

What is the Tribute Honor Society?

The Tribute Honor Society is an exclusive membership for women who have been recognized at a Tribute to Women of Achievement event. Membership dues help fund the Women Helping Women Scholarships which are awarded to women facing homelessness, poverty, or domestic violence. Recipients must be utilizing Waypoint’s programs and be working hard to achieve their goals related to education, professional development, and/or basic needs. Through these scholarships, you will help make a difference in the lives of women facing adversity in our community.

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YOUR GIFT CAN CHANGE A LIFE

Membership dues from the Tribute Honor Society provide scholarships to deserving women using one of Waypoint’s three programs. Scholarship recipients are nominated and selected by Waypoint staff, and funding is provided to support education, professional development, and/or basic needs.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tara had been with her partner for 9 years. During this time, she tried very hard to maintain peace in her home and build a life for her and her children while experiencing emotional abuse from her partner. One night, the abuse turned physical, and he nearly strangled her to death. She fled from the home with just her children and a few belongings to an emergency shelter. There she was connected to a Waypoint Advocate who provided her with emotional support, counseling, help in identifying a rental unit, and the funds for a deposit. Tara is now working toward creating financial stability and safety for her children and addressing the impact domestic violence has had on each of them.

Audrey came to the Madge Phillips Center Shelter with her significant other and five young children. Her significant other provided the household’s main source of income, but left the household while they were in shelter, forcing Audrey to quickly secure child care in order to find work. With the help of her Housing Specialist, she was able to find a full-time job and move into an apartment, maintaining stability and security for herself and her children.

Cheryl and her son, Austin, love KidsPoint. They have been with the program for several years and are currently enjoying their time with the School Age Program. Right before the holidays in 2018, Cheryl’s husband was rushed to the emergency room where they discovered an inoperable brain tumor. He cannot work and requires around the clock care, forcing Cheryl to become the sole provider for the family, both financially and otherwise. During this time, Cheryl has stayed on top of child care payments while handling care coordination for her husband and all medical bills while making sure her son, Austin, is still getting the care and support he needs thanks to the support of this scholarship.

WHY JOIN?

“I join Tribute Honor Society annually. I know my membership of $125 is helping to provide scholarships to women to help them move forward in their life. I think about the women who have helped me move forward in my life. This is how we can help make a difference in this life – help one another, extend kindness. Waypoint embodies this.” - Dawn Pershy

Nominate Someone

Recognize a deserving woman in your life by nominating her for Tribute! Nominations are due February 10 and categories include:

- Arts, Education, and/or Culture
- Innovation
- Leadership
- Personal Life
- Service to the Community

Sponsor the Event

Is your company looking for a way to give back to the community? By sponsoring Tribute to Women of Achievement, you will see first-hand the impact your dollars will have on an organization that has been changing lives for over 125 years. For more information, contact Brittany at 319.731.6118.