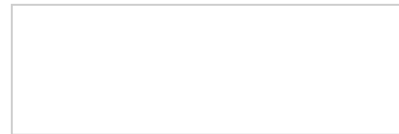




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The YWCA is a women's membership movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values. Strengthened by diversity, the YWCA draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership, and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people. The YWCA will thrust its collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary.

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# YW Focus

## YWCA Celebrates 13th Annual Tribute to Women Event

en extraordinary Valley women were recognized March 9th by the YWCA at the 13th Annual YWCA Tribute to Women luncheon, held at the Arizona Biltmore. The event, presented by the Arizona Republic and 12 News, honors women whose lives and accomplishments embody the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. Through their efforts, and those of the women like them, our communities are better places to live, our children grow to become strong, caring adults, and we create a world where peace, justice, freedom and dignity become a reality for all.

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## Tribute to Women



Tram Mai, 12 News Today Anchor and Mistress of Ceremonies with 2006 Honoree Stella Paolini.

### Stella Paolini ~ Creative Arts Leader

#### Sponsor ~ Dex Media

Born and educated in Argentina, Stella came to the US and hit the Los Angeles Latino Media like a spicy hot tango. She is successful in her media career, marriage, motherhood and in her tireless work to further opportunities for women in general, but Latinas in particular. Presently Paolini holds the position of Public Relations Director for Prensa Hispana. She lends her support to local charitable organizations, such as Make-A-Wish foundation, the Thomas J. Pappas School, and Friends of the Orphans.

### Grace Wright, Ed.D. ~ Education Leader

#### Sponsor ~ Westcor

A true champion of women and diversity, Grace has devoted 35 years of her life to the field of education. As Superintendent of Roosevelt School District, she has assessed the education and social needs of at-risk youth and has given unselfishly of her time, talent and financial support to make a difference in their young lives. Dr. Wright reached out to empower women by appointing five females to the position of assistant principle, helping ensure that future educational leaders in the South Mountain community would be well-represented by both women and minorities.

### Joanna de'Shay ~ Emerging Leader

#### Sponsor ~ APS

Joanna is a young leader making the Valley of the Sun a better, more tolerant place for all. Her dedication to eliminating racism and sexism wherever it might now reside is cause for hope for us all. Her full-time position at APS is dedicated entirely to identifying and serving the needs of minority communities. Born in Africa and fluent in several languages, Ms. de'Shay learned the benefits of mentoring first-hand. She now

serves as a mentor and role model for other young women. She's truly an "Emerging Leader."

### Pamela Klonoff, M.D. ~ Health and Science Leader

#### Sponsor ~ University of Phoenix

Dr. Klonoff is a Clinical Neurophysiologist who has developed and led an innovative treatment program for people with neurological injuries. In 1986, she moved to Phoenix to help found the Center for Transitional Neurorehabilitation (CTN) at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center / Barrow Neurological Institute. Dr. Klonoff's career mission has been to empower and enable people with neurological injuries to better their lives, enjoy a brighter future, and achieve levels of independence and productivity that otherwise might never have been attained.

### Linda Pope ~ Philanthropy Leader

#### Sponsor ~ Wells Fargo

It takes money. For more than a quarter-century, Linda has worked tirelessly to raise funds to help make Arizona better. Her fund-raising efforts have raised millions of dollars for non-profit organizations ranging from Childhelp USA, Homebase Youth Services, the Arizona Foundation for Women, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Heard Museum, March of Dimes, Crohns and Colitis Foundation, Fresh Start Women's Foundation and the Phoenix Theatre. Her latest—and perhaps greatest—endeavor is her Giving Hearts Foundation which will provide a way for individual and corporate donors to give what service organizations need: money!

### Jana Monroe ~ Public Service Leader

#### Sponsor ~ City of Phoenix

Jana Monroe was born to be a cop. After a ten-year career in "regular" law enforcement, now Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Monroe joined the F.B.I. in 1985, serving in various positions and postings and always pushing the "glass ceiling." Jana pushed for the advancement of women agents and the



**Success Story:** Heather Stuart, Phoenix College Graduate, Paralegal, and former YWCA Haven House resident.

protection of civil rights. She is a mentor to women in this

male-dominated arena. In October 2004, Monroe was appointed SAC of the Phoenix Office. "The climate has changed so much – I'm convinced for the better – for female Agents in the Bureau," she says. We think she's had a lot to do with that change.

### Christine Frence ~ Racial Justice Leader

#### Sponsor ~ Prensa Hispana

Christine has undertaken ambitious projects which champion civil rights, diversity, social justice and inclusion. A native of Vietnam, French is familiar with the impact of diverse cultures in the workplace. As a Regional Diversity Leader for American Express, she is responsible for advancing corporate diversity strategies. In addition to her job responsibilities, she formed a Diversity Council with senior leaders, designed and implemented six consecutive and successful annual Diversity Conferences. In 2000, Christine founded the Diversity Leadership Alliance, the first of its kind in Arizona, whose mission is "Building an Inclusive Community."

### Nona M. Lee ~ Sports Leader

#### Sponsor ~ DHL Express

Nona is founder and president of the Phoenix Women's Sports Association (PWSA) and named vice president and general counsel of the Diamondbacks in August 2005. Lee realizes the importance of educating parents, young women and girls about the many benefits of participating in sports. Her passion is best stated in her own words: "There is so much power, particularly for girls and women who participate in sports, in terms of what it can do for you. The discipline, the self-esteem, the confidence, the perseverance, the ability to take risks, and confront challenges; people have to know this."

### Janet Elsea, Ph.D. ~ Dorothy Willey

#### Sponsor ~ Caremark

Each year, the difficult decision of who best exemplifies the legacy of Dorothy Willey must be made. This year, the decision was easy: Janet G. Elsea, Ph.D. Her service on the YWCA's Board of Directors and two-terms as Board President (1998-2002) serves as a benchmark for us all. Never shy at asking friends, colleagues and business associates for money to benefit "her" causes, Dr. Elsea helped the YWCA of Maricopa County gain a firm financial and business footing and improved the YWCA's

## Tribute to Women



(l-r) Dr. Janet Elsea, Honorable Janet Napolitano, and Carolyn Bristo

image and visibility. "We were the Valley's quiet servants," Jan says. Making time from her busy professional life, Jan also serves on the Arizona Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women, Charter 100, AZ Animal Welfare League, the Prescott Library Fund Drive and donates countless hours to train female political and community leaders in communication skills.

### About the YWCA

Worldwide the YWCA creates opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. Annually, the YWCA of Maricopa County provides opportunities for women and their families through the following programs in Maricopa County:

**Senior Services ~** prepares and serves over **44,000** meals at four congregate meal sites; features daily activities for seniors at our Valley West Center and the Glendale Community Center.

**Home Delivered Meals ~** prepares and serves over **62,000** meals to homebound seniors and adults with disabilities.

**Thunderbird Haven House ~** provides safe housing, life skills training, counseling and educational assistance for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence and homelessness.

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### Volunteers Needed

#### Do you like working with children?

We are in need of volunteers to help with children's activities on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Children range in age from infants to 14 years. Activities may include:

- Reading a book
- Playing a board game
- Arts and crafts projects
- Helping with homework
- Other age appropriate activities

Volunteers must be 18 or older. Please contact Jacqueline McPherson at [ywca.lifeskills@fastq.com](mailto:ywca.lifeskills@fastq.com) for more information or to inquire about other volunteer opportunities.

### Rentals Available

#### Meeting Space ~

The YWCA boardroom seats 93 individuals and is \$50 an hour plus a security deposit. Monthly and annual contracts are available. Coffee service is provided for an additional fee.

#### Junior Olympic Pool ~

The YWCA 25-meter lap pool is available for rent to youth groups, swim clubs, and recreational groups, \$35 an hour with a two-hour minimum. It can be heated for year-round use with contract and heating fee. Renters are to provide certified life guard(s).

#### Office Space ~

The YWCA has a 2,400 square foot office space available for rent to a qualifying not-for-profit organization looking for a Central Phoenix location.

### Leave A Lasting Legacy:

To learn more about including the YWCA in your will, trust, life insurance policy or other estate planning please contact Tina Bronson at (602) 258-0990 ext. 16 for more information.