

## 3rd annual tools of the trade luncheon



### you are invited

September is women of achievement month. YWCA Northern Rhode Island is celebrating the achievements of Rhode Island women who improve the lives of children and youth. Join us for the 3rd annual Tools of the Trade Luncheon on Thursday, September 20th at Kirkbrae Country Club from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Individual ticket(s) are available or reserve a table of tribute to honor an inspirational woman in your life.

### women of achievement awards 2007

The women of achievement awards are recognized nationally as one of the most prestigious awards for women. It recognizes the best in the accomplishments of women across industry, culture, and public service in local communities. This award program will be presented at the 3rd annual Tools of the Trade Luncheon. The theme in 2007 is improving the lives of children and youth.

A woman of achievement has made a sustained commitment and significant difference in her community by showing vision, creativity, determination, and initiative. She has achieved outstanding success:

- with exceptional skills related to children and youth
- being a leader, role model, or mentor
- breaking new ground or old barriers
- as an agent for positive change
- by inspiring others

### underwriting opportunities

Underwriting provides brand recognition to over 7,000 local women while making an important philanthropic investment in the Rhode Island community. Opportunities are available including luncheon tickets, tables of tribute, advertising, and a listing in the program's business directory.

### host - YWCA Northern Rhode Island

YWCA Northern Rhode Island has been a voice for women and a force for change for over 84 years. The mission, locally and nationally, is to empower women and to eliminate racism.

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### emcee - Deb Ruggiero

Deb Ruggiero, winner of the 2005 and 2007 Metcalf Awards for diversity in the media, will emcee the Tools of the Trade Luncheon. You know her as the local radio personality for *Amazing Women* on 630am WPRO, 92 PRO FM and LITE ROCK 105. Deb also hosts a series on Rhode Island PBS. *Rhode Island's Amazing Women* profiles women who successfully lead, challenge, motivate, encourage, and inspire other women.

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## YWCA Northern Rhode Island announces women of achievement award winners

**Women of achievement awards are recognized nationally. They increase awareness and appreciation of the diverse contributions of women.**

YWCA Northern Rhode Island is pleased to announce the 2007 Women of Achievement award winners, thirteen local women that improve the lives of children or youth. Awards will be presented in a spectrum of categories.

The four areas of a child's growth are highlighted – emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development. **DIANA HACKNEY, president and CEO at Make-A-Wish Foundation of Rhode Island**, gives wish children hope and strength to continue fighting their illnesses. **DENISE PERRY, program director of the emergency shelter program at Communities for People**, has devoted her professional life to working with adolescent boys. **MARCIA RANGLIN-VASSELL is the director of education and training at Urban League of Rhode Island**. Her motto, education helps parents and children escape poverty. **JUDITH EARLE, executive director at Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center**, equips parents and children with the knowledge that violence does not have to be their legacy.

Focusing on the family, **KAREN DAVIS is the vice president at Hasbro Children's Fund**. She assists children in need worldwide and is a founding member of the Rhode Island Women Ending Hunger program. **LISA GUILLETTE, executive director at Rhode Island Foster Parents Association**, provides education and other forms of support to families. Her nominator describes her as the ultimate mother.

Community connections are important as reflected in the adage, "it takes a village to raise a child." **HILLARY SALMONS, executive director at Providence After School Alliance**, has led the charge to improve the lives of middle school youth in Providence. **ELIZABETH BURKE BRYANT, executive director at Rhode Island KIDS COUNT**, is described as a champion of children. She provides information on children's

issues and promotes action. **ELIZABETH COLON, director of outreach and training at Childhood Lead Action Project**, represents a specific interest expertly. She is totally committed to the cause of eliminating childhood lead poisoning in Rhode Island. **GHISLAINE JEAN-MAHONE, is the director and co-producer at Just a Step Productions**. She is a performance artist promoting community development, empowerment, and awareness.

The "more for girls does not equal less for boys" category addresses issues that are unique to girls. **PAMELA MARTIN-MITCHELL is the service unit manager at Girl Scouts of Rhode Island**. She helps introduce girls to the many different fields of science, math, and technologies. **KAREN GAGER, program director at Big Sisters of Rhode Island**, is knowledgeable about gender-specific issues and provides this information on both a local and national level.

A helping hands presentation will be made to **MAUREEN MACERA, superintendent at the Woonsocket Education Department**. She works with YWCA Northern Rhode Island (and other collaborators) on YWCA's Parenting in Progress program, an alternative education program for parenting and pregnant young women. Macera has had a long and distinguished career in education for nearly 40 years.

The public is welcomed to attend this special awards luncheon on Thursday, September 20th from 11:30am to 1:30pm at Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln. It is the 3rd annual Tools of the Trade Luncheon with YWCA Northern Rhode Island as the host. Deb Ruggiero, local radio personality for *Amazing Women*, is the event emcee. Tickets are \$50 and underwriting opportunities are available. For more details, visit [www.womenofachievementri.org](http://www.womenofachievementri.org) or call Lisa Piscatelli at 401-769-7450.

YWCA Northern Rhode Island is celebrating its 85th year. Your participation at this awards luncheon helps achieve equality for women. And it adds value in the lives of children and youth.

