

January 12, 2009

Dear Friend,

Greetings from the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission.

I am pleased to announce our plans for the 18th consecutive year of our Women's History Month program! It is important that we continue the special mission of recognizing important contributions of women in our community! Since 1991 we have presented over 235 awards to Bowling Green women and countless others have been nominated for their extraordinary work.

The stories of women's historic achievements present an expanded view of the complexity and fulfillment of living a purposeful life. This year's theme recognizes the pioneering and fearless measures women have taken to protect our environment. Accordingly the 2009 theme is **"Women Taking The Lead To Save Our Planet"**.

We are currently accepting nominations for this year's awards, which will be presented on Friday, March 27th at our annual Women of Achievement Awards Dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$40 and will be held at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center at 6:00p.m.

Awards will be given in the following areas:

**Creative Arts i.e.: music, dance, etc.
Community Service**

**Entrepreneurship
Science & Health
Women's First
Youth Achievement
Lifetime Achievement**

**Business
Education (Elementary,
Middle, High School &
College)
Posthumous
Women of Distinction
Women Reaching Higher
Woman of the Year**

The deadline for nominations is 4:00p.m. Monday, March 9th.
Nominees will be judged only on the information you provide!

If you would like to order tickets, have questions or need additional information, please contact our office at 782-7900.

Sincerely,

Linda McCray
Executive Director

Women of Achievement

Official Nomination Form

Criterion:

- Has achieved affirmative recognition among colleagues in her field.
- Exemplifies the qualities of integrity, unselfishness and compassion.
- Has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of women in her field.
- Must reside, be employed or demonstrate significant community service in Warren County.

All nominees will be judged on the above criteria and also specific criteria for the award category.

ARTS

Demonstrate significant contributions based on: Performance - Creative Production - Support of Artistic Life in the Community.

BUSINESS

Demonstrate excellence, effectiveness, leadership and success in the business world and actively serve as a role model & mentor to other women.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Taken primary responsibility to create positive change in the community. Type & Length of Service & impact on the community will be considered. **Nominees for this award should not be in a paid position pertaining to community service.*

EDUCATION

(ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE)

Demonstrate teaching excellence as evidenced by a Comprehensive knowledge of her field, ability to arouse student's interest & stimulate students to develop ideas and think independently. Typifies the highest ideals of education.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Assumed successfully the risk of business & entrepreneurship through creativity and innovation.

POSTHUMOUS

Presented to a woman now deceased who was a pioneer in history, setting standards and leading the way for those who followed.

SCIENCE & HEALTH

Demonstrated outstanding contributions in a science or health related field.

WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Made significant contributions in any field other than named categories such as Religion, Media, Politics, etc.

WOMEN'S FIRST

Presented to the woman who has become a part of Bowling Green/Warren County history by being the first female in her field.

WOMEN REACHING HIGHER

Demonstrated success in overcoming personal or socioeconomic adversity to achieve career and/or educational goals.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Promote & advance civil and/or human rights for all citizens of the community. Provide opportunities for recognition of woman & minorities. Further community awareness of civil/human rights issues. Long term commitment (5 years or more) and dedication to her position in a City/County non-profit agency.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT

Awarded to an 17-25 year old woman who has made a significant contribution to her community. The recipient must be a high school graduate.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Presented to a woman who has spent a "lifetime or career span" as an advocate for fair treatment and equal opportunities for women and minorities.

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*The 2009 National Theme:
"Women Taking The Lead To Save Our Planet"
Nominee Information*

1. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON THE NOMINEE (enter NA if question does not apply to nominee)

Nominee's legal Name: _____

Organization: _____ Title _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (Business) _____ (Home) _____

2. SUBMITTER INFORMATION (enter NA if question does not apply to submitter)

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Organization: _____ Title _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (Business) _____ (Home) _____

Award Category (circle one) *Candidates can be nominated in more than one category, but a nomination form & bio must be submitted for each category*

Arts Business Community Service Education: (Elementary-Middle School-High School-College) Entrepreneurship Posthumous Science

Woman of Distinction Women's First Women Reaching Higher Youth Achievement Woman of the Year Lifetime Achievement

Instructions for Completing Nomination Form

1. Biographies must include the criteria listed for each category (listed on reverse side). *Please attach a maximum of 3 pages of biography & accomplishments relevant to nominee.*
2. Incomplete nomination forms will not be accepted.
3. Nominees who have previously won are ineligible for the same category for at least five (5) years. *Winners List available upon request.*
4. If nominating someone in more than one category (*submit a separate nomination form and biography for each category*).
5. Nominees must reside, be employed or demonstrate significant community service in Warren County.
6. Nominations received after Monday, March 9th will not be considered.
7. **Submit nomination form to: BGHRC, 491 Double Springs Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101**

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Why is Women's History Important?

Multicultural women's history tells the story of our nation's past from an extended perspective. It does not rewrite history; but it does make very different judgement about what is important.

Traditionally, history has focused on political, military, and economic leaders and events. This approach has virtually excluded women, people of color, and the mass of America's ordinary citizens. To the children of those ignored groups, history has come to be seen as remote and lifeless, a tale having little bearing on their own lives. By expanding the focus of history to include the stories of women's lives, whether they reflect everyday life experiences or their role in the major events of our nation's history, we gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of American history.

Women's history approaches the past with a wide-angle lens, taking in a much wider vision of what was going on in any given time period. In addition to the government and military in the public sphere, we also look at the private sphere, at the ongoing life situations of people from all walks of life, people just like ourselves and our own families.

Women's history also provides a wealth of new role models for today's young people and for adults as well. The courageous women of the past who have dared to forge new roads have helped to create a world where future possibilities are limitless.