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**YWCA Spokane's Women of Achievement Luncheon Raises Over \$260,000 to Support Survivors, Honors Local Women Leaders**

**Spokane, WA** – YWCA Spokane proudly announces the success of its **43rd annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon**, a powerful celebration of leadership, resilience, and community support. This year's event honored **9 outstanding women** for their extraordinary contributions and raised a net total of **over \$260,000** in support of YWCA Spokane's vital services for women, children, and survivors of domestic violence.

On March 14, 2025, more than **1,000 community members** gathered at the Spokane Convention Center to celebrate these inspiring women during Women's History Month. The generosity of the Spokane community was on full display, making this another record setting event for YWCA Spokane. Of the \$260,000 net total, attendees gave an astounding **\$125,000 in the room during the event**, a **25% increase** from 2024.

*"These funds are a lifeline for our programs, especially as we face new uncertainties in federal grant funding," shared **Jeanette Hauck, CEO of YWCA Spokane**. "Thanks to our generous sponsors and attendees, we can continue to provide essential services to women, children, and families who are rebuilding their lives after experiencing domestic violence. It's inspiring to see a community come together like this to lift up women and invest in the safety and empowerment of those facing incredible adversity."*

**Honoring Excellence: 2025 Women of Achievement Awards & Kris Crocker's Special Recognition**

Since their inception in 1982, the Women of Achievement Awards have **recognized more than 300 local women**. This year, YWCA Spokane was proud to honor a new cohort of **nine exceptional leaders** for their dedication to the Spokane community and YWCA Spokane's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

In addition to the 2025 honorees, YWCA Spokane presented **Kris Crocker** with an **honorary Women of Achievement Award**, recognizing her **20 years of volunteer service** as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Her dedication and commitment have played an essential role in elevating this annual celebration.

**A Milestone Event & A Transition in Leadership**

This year's luncheon also marked a significant moment for YWCA Spokane's **Chief Philanthropy Officer, Dana Morris Lee**, as she prepares for her upcoming retirement. With 10 years of dedicated service to YWCA Spokane, Dana has played an instrumental role in advancing the organization's mission and ensuring the sustainability of its programs.

*"This was a record-setting event for YWCA Spokane. 50% of attendees gave to raise a net total of over \$260,000. That's up from just 30% of attendees last year!"* shared Dana Morris Lee. *"The support we receive at Women of Achievement directly translates into life-saving services for survivors, and I'm incredibly grateful to have been part of this work."*

### **Community Impact & Continued Support**

This event would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors, whose commitment reflects the strength of Spokane's community support for women and families. Over 50 businesses and organizations came together with YWCA Spokane to honor this year's Women of Achievement awardees and support critical services for women, children, and survivors in our community. Sponsorships and ticket sales not only cover event costs but also significantly contribute to YWCA Spokane's fundraising efforts, ensuring life-saving services remain available to those in need.

Special thanks to our long-time Signature Sponsor, Providence Health Care, and our Presenting Sponsor, Numerica Credit Union, for their leadership in making this event a success. Additional thanks to major sponsors Kalispel Tribe of Indians and Northern Quest Resort & Casino, Washington Trust Bank, AgWest Farm Credit, and Inland Imaging. As a true community effort, this event was also made possible by countless hours of work donated by Hamilton Studio, Hanna.Agency, and D.Lux Events and Florals.

**To continue supporting survivors of domestic violence, visit [ywcaspokane.org/give](https://ywcaspokane.org/give) to make a lasting impact.**

For a full event recap and photo gallery, visit [ywcaspokane.org/2025-woa-recap](https://ywcaspokane.org/2025-woa-recap).

### **About YWCA Spokane**

YWCA Spokane is dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women, standing up for social justice, helping families, and strengthening communities**. With over **120 years of service**, YWCA Spokane continues to be a beacon of hope for women and children in the Spokane community. Learn more at [ywcaspokane.org](https://ywcaspokane.org).