



Triangle United Way Women's Leadership Council



"CELEBRATE WOMEN!"

2008 LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

The Women's Leadership Council of Triangle United Way wishes to recognize women who have served as leaders in creating lasting change and building stronger communities through their volunteer work.

We will honor women from the Triangle Community who give so freely of their time, talents, and resources to help improve people's lives and who have made significant contributions to their community through their involvement with Triangle United Way.

- To qualify:** Nominees, through their volunteer work, must have demonstrated:
- Leadership in influencing positive change in the community
 - Extensive commitment to volunteering
 - Impact in improving individual people's lives and creating more effective health and human care systems
 - Special skills and attributes worthy of recognition
- Special consideration will be given to women who have worked with or on behalf of young teenage girls (ages 11-15).

To apply: Complete the attached nomination form, including the two page narrative, and submit **no later than July 7, 2008. Please return to:**

**Linda Taday
Women's Leadership Council
Triangle United Way
PO Box 110387
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709**

Awards: To be presented at the Women's Leadership Council's "Celebrate Women and Girls!" Awards Luncheon on September 26, 2008, at Embassy Suites in Cary, NC. To ensure a smooth flow for the event while keeping it on schedule, we are requesting the award winner be present during the entire luncheon.

Tips for Completing a Winning Nomination

- Follow the guidelines and answer all questions.
- Be specific and concise.
- Focus on program or activity that most describes the nominee's service.
- Assume that the decision makers know nothing about the nominee.
 - **7-second rule** – Grab the reader's attention immediately.
 - **Assume nothing** – Explain your nominee's contribution in detail.
 - **Use examples and anecdotes** – if appropriate.
 - **Make every word count** – Choose your words carefully because space is limited.
 - **Use quotes** from people that know the nominee.
 - **Need and initiative** – Tell why your nominee stands out from the crowd.

COVER SHEET

NOMINEE: Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____ Email _____
Employer _____
Known Volunteer Positions Held _____
United Way volunteer? _____ How many years? _____

NOMINATOR: Name _____
Employer _____ Title or Position _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature (Required) **Date:** _____

THE NOMINATION

The following factors will be considered in judging the nominees. Please write descriptive responses for each factor. Be specific and concise, attaching no more than **two (2) pages**. Newspaper or publication articles may be included. **You may nominate more than one woman.**

1. **Volunteer Experience:** Describe the nominee's volunteer experiences to help improve people's lives, including the number of years, array of positions and organizations.
2. **Leadership:** Describe the formal or informal leadership efforts of the nominee to influence positive change in our community.
3. **Impact:** Many women are worthy of recognition for their contributions to the community. Describe how this nominee has made a positive impact in the lives of people in our community. And what makes these accomplishments more significant than those of other women?
4. **Uniqueness:** Describe the nominee's special skills, qualities that make her extraordinary, including public service, advocacy efforts and other community involvement activities.
5. **Summary:** Summarize why you believe this nominee deserves recognition by the Women's Leadership Council. Remember to emphasize the nominee's work with, or on behalf of, young teen girls.

THANK YOU for realizing the importance of recognizing our community women leaders and for taking time to complete this nomination. A Nomination Form can also be assessed by going to www.unitedwaytriangle.org/celebratewomen.

Please remember to have all nominations in to Triangle United Way by July 7, 2008. We will notify you of the results.

Return completed form to ltuday@unitedwaytriangle.org