



22nd ANNUAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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NEW WEBSITE SHOWCASES THE INSPIRING STORIES AND OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

For 22 years, the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame has been celebrating outstanding women who are making a difference in the community. Now, the Women's Hall of Fame has launched a new website to provide a living tribute to these women and to share the inspiring stories of the women leaders who are the focus of one of Alameda County's most successful community fundraisers.

The new website, whof.acgov.org, is an online testament to the community-wide effort that goes into the annual program honoring outstanding women in 12 categories. The program culminates in a luncheon and awards ceremony, usually Women's History Month in March. This year's event will be at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 4700 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland.

The website was developed over several months by Alameda County's Information Technology Department (ITD), a project that was spearheaded by two high school students who joined the County workforce temporarily as part of an ITD Youth Internship Program.

The website highlights the program's mission to honor outstanding women - and to raise funds for community nonprofit organizations serving youth, women and families in Alameda County, as well as a youth scholarship fund.

It also shines the spotlight on the history of the program and those who drive the Women's Hall of Fame, including Alameda County Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, members of Alameda County's Commission on the Status of Women and partnerships with local businesses, organizations and individuals sponsoring the event.

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Women's Hall of Fame

The site's most compelling feature is the stories of courage, charisma, talent and determination behind each of the nearly 200 local women who have been inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame since 1993. The website tells their stories through pictures, written profiles and video testimonials, providing an intimate look at women who play vital roles in every aspect of community life.

"The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame is a celebration of local women who are a central reason why this community is known worldwide as a special place to live, work and do business," said Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator and the Women's Hall of Fame Co-Chair.

"Every year this program comes to life as we recognize Women's History Month and do what we can to support important local programs serving youth, women and families. But just as the work of these wonderful women continues day in and day out, we are proud to unveil our new website as a place where our inductees will be showcased and honored around the clock, every day of the year."

Twelve outstanding women will be honored at this year's Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony on March 21. Tickets are \$85 with proceeds going to nonprofit partners helping youth, women and families in Alameda County, as well as a Youth Scholarship and to provide opportunities for youth to attend the event. Lead sponsors for this year's event are Vanir Construction Management, Inc., Kaiser Permanente and KPIX-TV Channel 5.

Sponsors are still being sought for the event, which always draws a sellout crowd of more than 500 people. For more information, go to whof.acgov.org