



# Women's Resource Center Update

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The WRC Board of Directors Invites you to honor the  
26<sup>th</sup> Summit Award Winners:

**Mary Carroll • Linda Landman-Gonzalez**

**Henrietta Tice • Laura S. Williams**  
and

**Simone Behar** Junior Summit Winner

## New and Improved - All New Awards, Reception and Program

A **new** venue, **new** format, and fabulous **new** women for Central Florida to celebrate. Join us for an evening that will make you proud to take part in honoring these women. Hear heart-warming stories of women who are changing lives and creating legacies that are improving the place we call home.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010**

Orlando Museum of Art  
2416 North Mills Avenue, Orlando, FL



5:00 – 6:30 Cocktail and Hors d'oeuvre Reception  
6:30 - 7:30 Awards Program (in the OMA auditorium – no food or drink will be permitted) Please arrive early!

To reserve your tickets or to learn about high-impact sponsorships,  
call 407-426-7960 or email [c\\_wrc@bellsouth.net](mailto:c_wrc@bellsouth.net).

Learn more about the Women's Resource Center  
and the Summit Awards at [wrc-online.org](http://wrc-online.org).

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## Congratulations 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit Award Winners



**Mary Carroll** has made a major impact on the immigrant, farm worker and the working poor community in Central Florida. Mary demonstrated her commitment to the poor through her 20 years as a teacher in the Adult High School at Seminole Community College.

She used her education in Guidance and Counseling and opened her own counseling office, Springside Counseling Center, and helped the youth, adults, and families with individual needs. Mary continued to serve the immigrant, farm workers and working class in volunteering with the "Sisters of Apopka".

Mary's passion led her to facilitate support groups for the children at "Kids in Motion" After School Program of the Apopka Family Learning Center. She also founded and mentored a "Lets Talk" Girls Group for young girls in the migrant program through Hope CommUnity Center.

Mary is a team member of the Voices of Youth program, working to support immigrant girls. Mary was also a lead team member in helping the former Office for Farmworker's Ministry transition into the Hope CommUnity Center, where she currently serves as board president.



**Linda Landman-Gonzalez** left the United States to attend college in Mexico and learn more about a culture. She received a bachelor's degree in education from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City, and spent her early career teaching school in the city.

Linda Landman-Gonzalez was named Vice President of Community Relations and Government Affairs for the Orlando Magic in September 2007. She serves in a senior leadership role overseeing community relations, government affairs, multicultural insights and serves as the president of the Orlando Magic Youth Fund Advisory Council.

Linda spent nine years as Director of Diversity, Community and Government Relations for Darden Restaurants. She also managed corporate giving, while developing a second language translation initiative for the corporation. Her efforts resulted in many corporate awards for Darden, Inc., including Fortune's Top Ten Diversity Elite, Black Enterprise's list for Best Companies of Diversity and Hispanic Business Magazine's Best Place for Hispanics to Work. She also served as vice president of Hispanic sales and marketing for Barnett Bank in Orlando.

Linda is currently involved in several volunteer and leadership activities, including The Central Florida Transportation Corridors Task Force, Florida State Conference NAACP Corporate Advisory Board, African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, Casa de Mexico, WMFE Board of Trustees, and is a Trustee of the City of Orlando's Children's Trust Committee in addition to others.

Once returning to the states, Linda continued her mission in improving her community. Linda became a Board member with the Orlando Ballet. Linda has continuously been an advocate for women in the community, especially working to provide opportunities in the arts to minority populations.



In 1997, **Henrietta Tice** launched a neighborhood-based safe haven program for children named "The Village House Program," which includes after school programs and groups. It serves over 600 children annually in lower income neighborhoods where drugs, gangs and crime are prevalent.

While Henrietta operates "Village House" Center for Drug Free Living in her own home, she also uses individual homes in neighborhoods as "safe houses." Every year, she enriches the lives of high school students through trips to visit colleges, theme parks, and even Orlando Magic basketball games! When unable to receive sponsorship from vendors, restaurant owners and others for support, she pays out of her own pocket to assure opportunities for the at-risk children.

Henrietta spends time helping, guiding, disciplining and motivating kids in some of the toughest neighborhoods in the Central Orlando area. In addition to her after school programs, she also launched a mentoring group called "The Gathering" where a group of professional men mentor young boys in the community. She organizes interactive meetings with local officials and law enforcement for the children. Henrietta has successfully launched two programs that respond to critical community need that continue to make a difference. WFTV Channel 9 profiled Henrietta in 2010 during black history month.



**Laura S. Williams** is a former client of Harbor House, Orange County Florida's Center against Domestic Violence, and has been a member of their Speaker's Bureau since 1998.

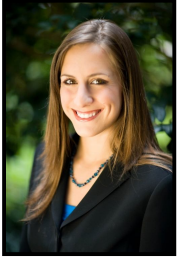
In 1996, her estranged husband fatally shot their 2 year old daughter, Sarah, before committing suicide. After her daughter's death in 1996, she joined Winter Park Toastmasters where she earned the Advanced Toastmaster's Silver award and the Competent Leader designation.

Immediately upon graduation in 1982 from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, Laura worked for four years in the Alexandria, Virginia Commonwealth's Attorney's Office as an administrative secretary. After relocating to Florida, she worked for 18 years as an inside sales rep and product manager for an independent manufacturers' representative that sold electrical products. It was during this time that she was confronted directly with domestic violence.

Laura is the Founder and Executive Director of CourtWatch Florida, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2007. She has conducted trainings on domestic violence and the court system throughout the community and for organizations that include: CourtWatch, Harbor House, the Florida and New Mexico Coalitions Against Domestic Violence, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the Florida Neighborhoods Conference and the Florida Coalition Against Sexual Violence.

In addition to serving on the Orange County Commission on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Laura has been a Girl Scout Troop Leader for four years.

## *Congratulations Junior Summit Award Winner*



**Simone Behar** is assistant Vice President of marketing at Costa DeVault and is accomplished within her industry. She has won the Grand Image Awards, Awards of Distinction, and Judge's Awards in both local and state levels of the Florida Public Relations Image Award Competition.

She was a founding member of the Give Hope Foundation, and served as Marketing Director for four years. Simone played a role in raising \$165,000 for child cancer patients that dealt with medical, emotional, and financial needs. As a Give Hope beneficiary, Simone has also volunteered at Camp Boggy Creek and Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital for the past five years.

Fluent in the Greek Language, Simone volunteered at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. She held the Young Adult League President position for three years, and was honored with the "Archangel Michael" award. Simone also volunteers as the director of Marketing and Public Relations for the church's annual Greek festival. She launched the first annual Table Extraordinaire, which benefited Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida.

Simone is passionate about helping the homeless and has volunteered at a local homeless shelter and continues to feed the homeless through organizations such as Meals on Wheels and Grace & Grits. She also volunteers at Habitat for Humanity, helping to build homes.

Simone was honored at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation "Single Greatest Night" Gala as one of Orlando's most successful professionals.



### President's Notes:

*By Julia Hartwell, President of Women's Resource Center: Manager, State Legislative Affairs, Florida Hospital*

Once again, I am looking forward to the next Summit Awards. We have a diverse group of wonderful women for winners this year. It has been a pleasure learning about each of these women. Mary, Linda, Henrietta and Laura have had different methods but all have impacted women in the Central Florida community. I am in awe at how these women have given unselfishly to the community.

We are also awarding a Junior Summit award to a very deserving Simone. Simone in her short career has already set an example for young women.

Thank you to our sponsors: Darden, Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, Florida Hospital, Harriet Lake and Orlando Health. Please keep in mind that we are still accepting sponsorships from individuals, businesses and organizations to help us celebrate these marvelous women at the Summit Awards on October 19<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss this wonderful event. Sponsorships forms can be found at the website - [www.wrc-online.org](http://www.wrc-online.org)

WRC sent out a survey during the month of June. The purpose of the survey is to establish community priorities for women of Central Florida. It will assist WRC in developing a web-based resource to connect women with support and service that will strengthen their lives. WRC will have a public event in the fall to announce the survey results. Thank you to all who participated in the survey ; your input was critical to the survey's success.

WRC is truly making a difference in the community. We could not do it without our members; thank you again for your continued support.



### *This Month in Women's History*

Women's rights pioneer Lucy Stone (1818-1893) was born near West Brookfield, Massachusetts. She dedicated her life to the abolition of slavery and the emancipation of women and aided in the founding of the American Suffrage Association.

As an orator and an editor, Lucy Stone won innumerable converts to the cause of women's rights. Growing up on the family farm, she learned the difficulties women faced. Her mother's hardships distressed her, and her father ridiculed Lucy's desire to attend college.

When she graduated from Oberlin College in 1847, Lucy Stone became the first Massachusetts woman to earn a college degree.

*WRC is working together to make a difference for women.*

### **WRC Membership Event is “Constructive” for the Community**

Laughter and wonderful conversations could be heard from every corner of the house. An occasional “Oops! Please hand me a damp rag” was heard as people scurried to help. Paint brushes were being used in every room, blinds were being scrubbed outside, doors taken off the hinges and painted between the rain drops out on the porch.

This is just a minor glimpse into what proved to be a successful hands-on WRC workday at the William Just Center Campus for the Center for Drug Free Living’s program that houses homeless people that are HIV positive. WRC was privileged to redecorate and paint the Women’s HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With Aids).

There was fresh paint in each room, new linens on all of the beds and draperies in the living and dining room. Pictures were hung that coordinated with the new décor! The house looked beautiful by the end of the day!

Thank you to Robb & Stucky in Altamonte Springs for donating the draperies and a cocktail table. Sherwin William and Perry, a local painter, donated paint for the project, Hollywood Bistro donated lunch and Universal Studios Orlando donated supplies and several wonderfully talented people to come and help.

Thank you most of all to the members of WRC for making this day possible! Because of you we could touch lives that needed not only a brighter home to live in but, the knowledge that there are people out in the community that care about them as individuals.

As one of the residents said, “This was one of the nicest things that anyone had ever done for them”.



Kate, Dawn, Debra and Ashley paint the doors.



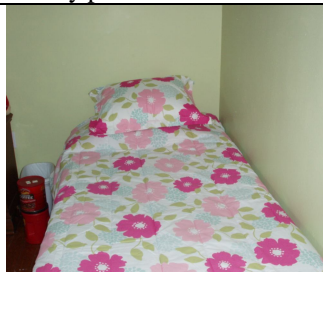
Ruth, friend and Lelia working on the house.



Jean cleans up the artwork.



Jan paints the ceiling



New bright walls and comforter.



Living room accent wall and art work.



Another bright, cheerful room.



A comfortable, welcoming living room.

*"How wonderful is it that no one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank*

## THE CLOTHESLINE



*Bearing Witness to  
Violence Against Women*

## Clothesline Project, Saturday October 2nd

The Central Florida Women's Resource (WRC) is once again sponsoring the **Clothesline Project** and this year's display will be on October 2 during the Orange County Domestic Violence Awareness Month's event at Lake Eola. Traditionally the Clothesline Project is on display at The Dick Batchelor Run for Children in Lake Eola Park. This year's run has been rescheduled for January 2011.

Each year, over 300 T-shirts are displayed on clotheslines throughout the park, each shirt giving silent testimony to a woman who has been a victim of violence. The collaboration between Harbor House of Central Florida, Healing Tree, Women's Residential Counseling Center (WRCC) continues to raise awareness about the severity of violence and offers a time of healing to victims and their families.

**HISTORY:** The Clothesline Project (CLP) is a program started on Cape Cod, MA, in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. The Clothesline is a visual display that bears witness to the violence against women. During the public display, a clothesline is hung with shirts. Each shirt is decorated to represent a particular woman's experience, by the survivor herself or by someone who cares about her. It is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. They then hang the shirt on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women. The purpose of the project is four-fold:

- To bear witness to survivors and victims of domestic violence.
- To help with the healing process for people who have lost a loved one or are survivors.
- To educate, document, and raise society's awareness of the issue.
- To provide a nationwide network of support, encouragement and information for other communities starting their own Clothesline Projects.

**If you would like to participate in the Clothesline Project on Saturday October 2,** please contact the Women's Resource Center. We need volunteers to assist with:

- hanging the clothesline (6:30 -7:30 a.m.)
- greeting guests as they view the Clothesline Project (8-11 a.m.)

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## REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

Central Florida  
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*Working together  
to make a difference*

To: Central Florida Business Leader:

The Central Florida Women's Resource Center (WRC) is a non-profit organization supporting the community by celebrating women's achievements, connecting with other women's organizations and supporting women's social, educational, health, political, economic, spiritual and artistic issues. WRC is celebrating its **26<sup>th</sup> annual Summit Awards** to honor outstanding women who have given countless hours of community service outside of their job responsibilities. And we need your sponsorship commitment to make this year's Summit another sensational event.

The Summit Awards will be an inspirational tribute to honor outstanding women in our community. These women are community role models, visibly supportive of women's issues, have achieved meritorious goals, and have performed countless hours of community service.

WRC already has sponsorship commitments from the following organizations and is requesting your support. Various sponsorship levels are available to suit any budget (refer to the next sheet for details). Various sponsorship levels are available to suit any budget (refer to the next sheet for details).



The Summit Awards has become a prestigious event - one of the largest of its kind in Central Florida that attracts over 300 of the community's "movers and shakers." This year's Summit Awards will take place Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the Orlando Museum of Art beginning at 5:00 pm with Registration and a Cocktail Reception and Awards Presentation at 6:30pm.

Proceeds from this event, which includes your sponsorship, are used throughout the year to support numerous programs and events that focus on women's needs and issues. Now's your chance to become part of our recognized corporate partners as we celebrate the amazing accomplishments of these women.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to be a sponsor for this outstanding event. We will contact you within the next few weeks to discuss this opportunity further. Your support and commitment will help make our 26th Annual Summit Awards a huge success.

Sincerely,

Summit Sponsorship Committee

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The Central Florida Women's Resource Center  
26th Annual Summit Awards

**SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT**

- Title Sponsor – \$10,000  
Please contact the Women's Resource Center for more information.
- Platinum Sponsor – \$5,000  
(Includes: full page ad in Program, 12 tickets, Logo on event website with link to your website, Logo on all event marketing materials, Promotional mentions at the event, Complimentary corporate membership for one year in the Women's Resource Center.)
- Gold Sponsor – \$2,500  
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- Reserve \_\_\_ individual tickets at \$50.
- I regret that I cannot attend, here is a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- Business Card Ad & one individual ticket \$ 125. Send your camera-ready artwork or business card, along with your check payable to the Central Florida Women's Resource Center to the WRC, address listed below. (*Tickets and advertisements are non-refundable*)

**TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRINTED PROGRAM, ALL RESERVATIONS & ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY October 4, 2010.**

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## Ad Specifications for 2010 Summit Program

Full page: 6 1/2" wide x 5 7/8" high  
1/2 page: 3 1/4" wide x 5 7/8" high  
1/3 page: 2 1/8" wide x 5 7/8" high  
Biz Card Ads: Please provide WRC with a printed business card

Please provide all ads (except business card ads) in pdf format and email to [nicoleostertag@yahoo.com](mailto:nicoleostertag@yahoo.com)

Ads are **DUE** no later than Friday, **October 1, 2010** at 5:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding the ads for the Summit Program book please feel free to contact:

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