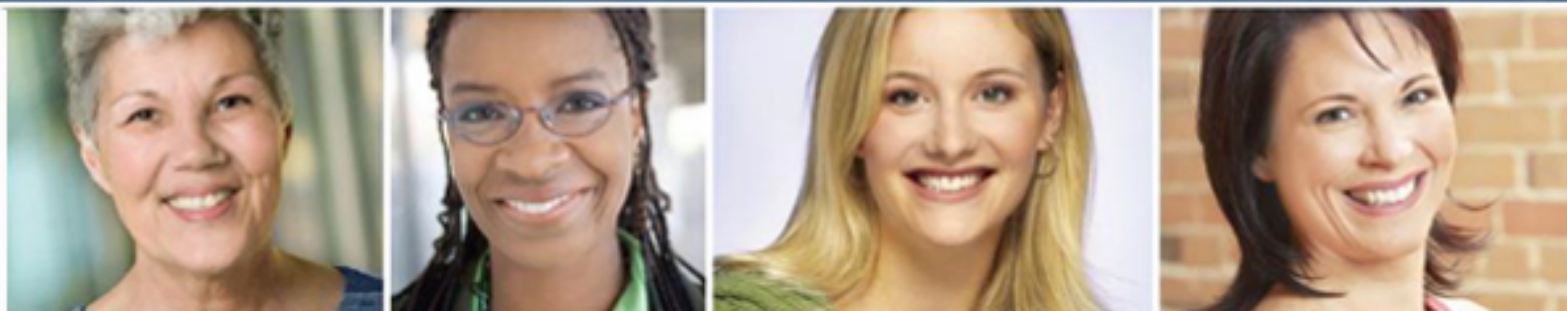


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ICW Seeks Torchbearer Nominations

The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) is seeking nominations for the [2011 Indiana's Salute to Women: The Torchbearer Awards](#). The Torchbearer Awards are the State of Indiana's most prestigious recognition of Hoosier women and will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in March 2011.

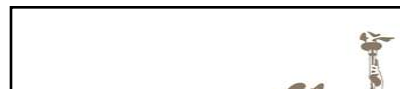
Indiana Torchbearers are those women who have been pioneers throughout their lives and have stepped forward as leaders by breaking down barriers to women's full participation. These women have become true beacons of light by overcoming immense challenges with courage, perseverance and compassion that create a lasting legacy and become an inspiration for us all.

Nominations may be submitted by email or by post. Visit the ICW Torchbearer Awards website at: <http://sites.google.com/site/icwtorchbearerawards/nominations> to download the nomination form and guidelines. To submit your nomination online, email the completed form to: icw@dwd.in.gov. Submitted nominations are due on or before Friday, November 19, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. EST. All hard copy entries should be postmarked no later than Friday, November 19, 2010.

For more information, assistance or a printed copy of the nomination form, contact ICW at (317) 233-6303 or icw@dwd.in.gov.

Torchbearer Awards website unveiled

ICW is pleased to announce a new legacy website with recipients from all



past [Torchbearer Awards](http://sites.google.com/site/icwtorchbearerawards/). The site is located at: <http://sites.google.com/site/icwtorchbearerawards/>. The website provides information on each of our 129 Torchbearers which can be viewed by name, year or hometown. The biographical information is taken from the printed program from each event. We hope you enjoy surfing the site. If you find any errors or omissions, we encourage you to send us updates to ICW at icw@dwd.in.gov.



Evansville Working Women in Transition a Success! There's still time to register for the next two dates

The 'flow' (transition) from one speaker to another, one topic to another was like 'building' the guest up to the finale. No one would dare leave early unless it was an absolute must.

- Evansville participant, September 17, 2010

ICW held its *Working Women in Transition: Building Essential Skills for Success* in Evansville on September 17, 2010. Representative Suzanne Crouch and Judge Jill Marcum opened the program with their greetings and Kristen Tucker of *Evansville Living* presented her personal story of transition and perseverance during her keynote presentation. Those in attendance received tips for effective networking in a lively and entertaining workshop presented by Hazel Walker, professional speaker and expert networker. Annie Houle of the [Wage Project](#) led the participants through crucial skills on wage negotiation with a unique \$start \$mart workshop.

ICW will hold *Working Women in Transition* at Purdue Calumet in Hammond, Indiana, on Friday, October 8, and at IUPUI School of Informatics in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Friday, October 15. Local presenters will be on hand to lead women to building essential skills for career success. There's still opportunity to register for either location.

For more information, go to www.in.gov/icw/2372.htm. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM with the program beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at 3:30 PM. Cost is \$20 per registrant, which includes workbook and other materials. To learn more about the workshop, call (317) 233-6303 or icw@dwd.in.gov.

Meet our AmeriCorps VISTA members...

In August, ICW began a collaboration with the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives which gave the Commission the opportunity to host two members of AmeriCorps VISTA. AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. VISTA members commit to serve full-time for a year. Jessica Brannam and Stella Tran joined ICW on August 23, 2010. While at our agency, they will work on strengthening our capacity to serve the women of Indiana.

Jessica Brannam, New Initiatives Coordinator

"I am excited to join the Indiana Commission for Women this year as an AmeriCorps VISTA member serving as the New Initiatives Coordinator. I received my bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Women and Gender Studies from Indiana University East in 2006. I have always been passionate about helping women further themselves personally and professionally. I previously worked in both the non-profit and for-profit worlds before deciding that I wanted to complete a year of national service. During my year of service, I hope to expand the reach of the Commission and create new opportunities that will address the needs of women in Indiana. There are so many issues that women are confronted with on a daily basis and I hope that we will be able to work collaboratively with other organizations and agencies who serve women. I am planning to go out into communities across the state to find out more about the needs in the different regions of Indiana. If you are a part of an organization that serves women, please let me know. I would love to come and meet with you and your colleagues. My email address is jbrannam@dwd.in.gov. I hope we get to meet soon!"

Stella Tran, Research Coordinator

"I am excited to be a part of the Indiana Commission for Women. In my undergraduate years, I studied psychology and neuroscience at Pacific University, after which I quickly fled my homestate of Oregon to experience the Midwest and pursue my career interests. When I learned about this position through AmeriCorps, I immediately began to pack my bags. I have always had a passion for women's research, collecting stories, and exploring new cities. As the Research Coordinator, I look forward to spending my year of service embarking on a comprehensive statewide community needs assessment. I will be addressing the issues and challenges faced by women transitioning into single-motherhood from divorce or other circumstances. It is my hope that this research will elucidate the gaps in assistance that are often difficult to quantify."

Domestic Violence Network unveils *Power of Images* Banner and Videos

Along with their partners, the Domestic Violence Network (DVN) has created the ***Power of Images*** banners. Two sets of ten (7'x3') retractable banners were designed to honor the memory and lasting gifts of individuals from Central Indiana who have died as a result of domestic abuse. The Honorees' images and quotes capture the essence of the loved one's life and the impact his/her death has had on family, friends and the community.

In order to increase the impact of the ***Power of Images*** project, DVN produced a series of videos that can be viewed by employees, students, the general public and DVN's partners. The ***Power of Images*** videos help individuals understand the impact of domestic abuse on victims, families and our community, and how they can help reduce domestic abuse in Central Indiana.

For more information, visit the Domestic Violence Network at <http://www.dvnconnect.org>.

About the Indiana Commission for Women

The Indiana Commission for Women is committed to the full participation of women in all aspects of society in order to make Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family. Our mission is to understand the needs of Indiana women and their families, and to work strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive change. We work to remove the barriers that hinder women's participation by:

- Increasing awareness of the status of women in Indiana and the issues they face
 - Recognizing and promoting contributions that Hoosier women make to their community, state and nation
 - Providing balanced analysis of public policy issues that impact women in Indiana.
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