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**TRANSITIONS' PEOPLE WHO CARE EVENT RAISED \$173,000 FOR JUSTICE IN SPOKANE**

Spokane Community Unites Raising \$173,000 for Low-Income and Homeless Women and Children in Spokane at Transitions' People Who Care Event on October 23, 2013.

**SPOKANE, WASH** - Transitions' People Who Care Event raised \$173,000 for homeless and low-income women and children in Spokane on October 23, 2013 at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park. All of the funds raised go towards support services for the women and children served including job training, skill development, supportive housing, personal growth and rebuilding lives

The People Who Care event featured visual and spoken testimonies from women who have experienced justice issues through homelessness and poverty but have persevered because of the support provided by Transitions. Additional guest speakers included Linda Tompkins, Superior Court Judge and pioneer of drug court in Spokane, WA.

Transitions also recognized Joyce Blazek with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Marie Pizelo Award. The Marie Pizelo Award, as defined by the women at the Women's Hearth, recognizes a community member who has a spirit of welcoming, treats those around them with compassion, lives life with full spirituality, and expresses creativity. This year's recipient has led a spirituality group for more than 20 years at the Women's Hearth.

Transitions provides safety, support and opportunities to learn the skills for success to homeless and low-income women and children in the Spokane community, empowering them to fight for justice both for themselves and others in need.

In the words of PWC speaker and alumni of Transitions' Women's Hearth, Michelle McIntosh, "You're helping people like me clean up the wreckage of my past, help with finances, criminal history, housing or employment...(but) the greatest gifts you receive at Transitions are love, hope and faith."

More information about the event can be found on Transitions' website, [www.help4women.org](http://www.help4women.org).

**Transitions:** Since 1995, Transitions has been helping women, children, and families rebuild lives affected by abuse, addiction, mental illness, poverty, and homelessness. Transitions administers five programs: Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare and New Leaf Bakery Cafe. For more information about how you can work to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane, call 509-328-6702, email [mtracey@help4women.org](mailto:mtracey@help4women.org), or visit our website at [help4women.org](http://help4women.org).

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