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LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER'S LEGACY LIVES ON THROUGH PIZELO AWARD

Marie Pizelo's Memory Lives On Through Pizelo Award Recognition At Transitions' People Who Care Event on October 23, 2013

SPOKANE, WASH – Transitions recognized Joyce Blazek with the 2nd annual Pizelo Award at the People Who Care event on October 23rd. The 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.

Blazek embodies all of these characteristics through her 20 years of service to Transitions, running a spirituality group at the Women's Hearth, serving on the Board of Directors, and is a current member of the Development Committee. She is also involved in advocating for women in the Spokane community including actively recruiting volunteers for the Valley Girl Triathlon for a number of years.

For 20 years, Marie Pizelo graced Transitions' Women's Hearth with kindness and love until cancer took her life in 2011. Before Pizelo was a volunteer she was a participant at the Hearth, finding the courage to deal with the trauma of her childhood through art and sculpture, currently on display at the Women's Hearth as an encouragement of self-discovery, tenacity and grace.

Blazek has touched the lives of many women at the Hearth and continued the legacy of kindness and love started by Pizelo. The award was presented by Lea Anne, who credits Blazek with helping her discover the holiness inside herself.

For more information about the Pizelo Award, the Women's Hearth or Joyce Blazek, please contact Mary Tracey at mtracey@help4women.org, or call 509-328-6702 x 104.

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, or visit our website at help4women.org.

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