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**ANNOUNCING THE PIZELO AWARD, HONORING LATE VOLUNTEER MARIE PIZELO**

Transitions Honors Memory of Marie Pizelo Through Pizelo Award, To Be Awarded At Transitions' People Who Care Event, October 23, 2012.

Spokane, Wash—Transitions is announcing their new, annual Pizelo Award in honor of long-time volunteer Marie Pizelo, during their 10th Annual People Who Care Event on October 23. The recipient will, like Pizelo, have given seven or more years of service to Transitions, have a spirit of welcoming, treat those around them with compassion, live life with full spirituality and be creative—the most notable qualities of Pizelo, determined by a survey of women served at the Women's Hearth.

For 20 years, Marie Pizelo graced Transitions' Women's Hearth with kindness and love until cancer took her life last year. 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.

For more information about the Pizelo Award, please contact Mary Tracey at [mtracey@help4women.org](mailto:mtracey@help4women.org), or call 509-328-6702 x 104.

Since 1995, Transitions has been helping women, children, and families rebuild their lives affected by abuse, addiction, mental illness, poverty, and homelessness. Transitions maintains 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 [award@help4women.org](mailto:award@help4women.org), or visit our website at [help4women.org](http://help4women.org).

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