

# Athena Award nominees named

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Several Grand Haven-area women are among two-dozen nominated for the 2010 Lakeshore Athena Award.

The winner will be announced at the sixth annual Lakeshore Athena Award luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

The Lakeshore Athena Award is a program of the chambers of commerce in Grand Haven, Holland and Muskegon. It is presented annually to recognize outstanding Lakeshore women who have demonstrated excellence in their business or profession, have provided valuable service by devoting time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in their community, assist women in reaching their full potential, and who exhibit the spirit of regional collaboration.

Chamber officials say the Athena Award program is not a competition but a celebration of excellence, and that the honor of the award is in the nomination.

This year's nominees are: Kathryn Agard, Johnson Center for Philanthropy, GVSU; Sandy Baker, Spring Lake Public Schools; Lynnette Bloomberg, Noble Co.; Carolyn Boersma, Spring Lake Township; Carrie Borchers, IT Resource Inc.; Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, city of Muskegon; Tina Butler, Comfort Keepers/Choice Connections; Rebecca Dernberger, Manpower; Cari Draft, Eco Trek Fitness; Sharon Genter, Flowers by Ray & Sharon Inc.; Jeanette Hoyer, Pathways, MI; Lynn Kerber, Chemical Bank; Kelly Larson, Sweet Temptations; Holly Lookabaugh-Deur, Generation Care; Pam O'Brien, Sanctuary at McAuley; Diana Osborn, Muskegon Community College, Gina Otterbein, Northern Physical Therapy; Elizabeth Rolinski, Johnson Controls; Sarah Rooks, Watermark Center & Lofts; Catrina Rule, Bethany Christian Services; Mitzi Taylor, NSBT; Patricia Sosa VerDuin, Ready for School; Jill Walcott, Macatawa Bank; and Chris Frederick Willis, Media 1.

The award luncheon will take place at the Trillium Banquet and Conference Center, 17246 Van Wagoner Road in Ferrysburg. Shelley Irwin, a host and producer with WGVU Radio, will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person for Chamber of Commerce members and \$50 for nonmembers, or \$390 for a corporate table of eight. A portion of all tickets sales goes toward the Athena Scholarship Program.

Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce in Grand Haven at 842-4910 by Sept. 24.

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