



## **People News: Nominations sought for Tribute to Women Award**

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The Women's Center of Greater Lansing is seeking nominations for the third annual Tribute to Women Award.

Criteria include: serving as a role model for other women and girls; breaking barriers and challenges to achieve success; and those who are recognized for achieving their potential within their chosen field.

Call the center at 372-9163 for a nomination form. Nominations must be submitted to the center by April 15.

Nominees will be recognized at this year's seventh annual Dream, Girl — Reach for the Stars from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 16 at Michigan State University's Huntington Club, located on the fourth floor of Spartan Stadium.

This signature fundraising event also will feature testimony from center clients on the life-changing impact the Women's Center has had on their lives.

Dream, Girl attendees may meet and learn from those who have benefited from center services and programs.

The Women's Center of Greater Lansing is committed to helping women realize their potential.

The center is located at 1710-1712 E. Michigan Ave.

### **Ingham Co. judge featured in national documentary**

Ingham County Judge Tom Boyd is featured in a national documentary film. Boyd is the chief judge of the 55th District Court, which covers Ingham County except Lansing and East Lansing.

The film, "Defending Gideon," was released last month on the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, issued March 18, 1963.

The Gideon decision clarified that the Sixth Amendment "right to counsel" required states to provide indigent people accused of serious crimes with attorneys. "Defending Gideon" was screened at the U.S. Department of Justice's 50th Anniversary Gideon Event, introduced by Attorney General Eric Holder.

“Defending Gideon” is narrated by Martin Sheen and also features former Vice President Walter Mondale and former New York Times journalist Anthony Lewis (author of “Gideon’s Trumpet”).

Boyd and state Rep. Tom McMillin are featured because of their efforts to reform Michigan’s indigent defense system. McMillin plans to reintroduce legislation this month to establish minimum standards for all local communities when providing counsel to indigent criminal defendants.

The Constitution Project is a national organization dedicated to a bipartisan approach to grappling with key constitutional issues confronting Americans in the 21st century. “Defending Gideon” may be seen at [www.constitutionproject.org/publications-resources/defending-gideon](http://www.constitutionproject.org/publications-resources/defending-gideon).

Greater Lansing Food Bank's empty plates event is April 25

The Greater Lansing Food Bank will host its annual Empty Plate Dinner at 5:30 p.m., April 25, in the Big Ten Room of the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center in East Lansing.

The event is a casual, strolling dinner featuring the area’s top restaurants and caterers, live and silent auctions, and a commemorative “empty plate” decorated by local schoolchildren.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Tickets are \$125 per person. Sponsorships also are available through April 15.

For tickets, call Sarah Brown at 853-7810. For more information, visit [www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org/events/empty-plate-dinner.html](http://www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org/events/empty-plate-dinner.html).