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**OCFW Announces Four Recipients of the Annual Oregon Women of Achievement Awards**

The Oregon Commission for Women is proud to announce the recipients of the 2015 Women of Achievement Awards:

**JAN CAMPPELL** is a tireless advocate and educator working to improve the needs of people with disabilities within the Portland community. For over 40 years she has worked on the local, state and regional levels to expand opportunities for the elderly and people with disabilities. Jan has worked on several projects with OHSU training persons with disabilities on improving their clinical care and co-facilitating a series of cognitive behavioral therapy groups for women with physical disabilities suffering depression. Most notably she has chaired the TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT) as it advises transportation officials on policies that promote mobility and independence for transit dependent customers. In this role she brings balanced and reasoned perspectives to the discussion of important policy issues. Jan is recognized not only for her commitment to diversity and equity but also as a role model for women and persons with disabilities.

**DONNA MAXEY** is a Portland community leader who felt a safe space was needed to start community discussions on issues surrounding race. In 2010 she developed the non-profit RACE TALKS: Uniting to Break the Chains of Racism – An Opportunity for Dialogue, a monthly offering at the McMenamins Kennedy School, which provided a community space for dialogue on sensitive issues. Donna's work has resulted in educating over 10,000 people in its monthly RACE TALKS format. She has collaborated with the Portland Public Schools, the Albina Ministerial Alliance and the Portland Police Bureau to develop RACE TALKS 2, a program that works with students at Jefferson High School and on community – police relationships. A former teacher and administrator, Donna is an exemplary leader and role model who is passionate about putting her vision into action.

**KAY D. TORAN** is the President/Chief Executive Officer of VOA Oregon, providing the leadership and strategic direction for this major human services agency. VOA Oregon, through an integrated medical/social services model, is providing treatment, developmental and preventions services to some of the most vulnerable children, families, single adults and elderly in the community. Kay's career has included positions within the government and academic sectors. Her generous volunteer service includes board membership on Albina Community Bank, the University of Portland – Board of Regents and the Oregon Community Foundation. She is known for her mentorship and guidance of young professionals, particularly women, whose careers are on the ascent. Those she has supported speak of her as an outstanding

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visionary leader who builds strong collaborative relationships which promote diversity within the community.

**GWENDOLYN TRICE** is the founder of the Maxville Heritage Interpretative Center, a federally recognized non-profit organization in Wallowa County. A native of La Grande, she moved back to Eastern Oregon after 18 years in Seattle. Since then she has dedicated her time to uncovering and documenting her family's migration to the West – African American loggers who came from the Midwest with their companies in the early 1900's. Her work has uncovered the history of logging communities and the ethnic minority workers – the African Americans, Greeks, Japanese, Chinese and Filipinos – who play an important role in Oregon history. She has also highlighted the role of women in logging communities who worked hard under difficult conditions. It has been said that Gwen's work matters today because she helps us understand the complex and challenging history of race in Oregon. She has opened up the past for all of us to see, understand and experience.

Each of these women is a dynamic leader and role model with a strong record of service to the community. OCFW Chair Dr. Barbara Ramírez Spencer commented, "We thank these accomplished women for all their contributions. Each exemplifies the Oregon motto – she flies with her own wings."

The honorees will receive their awards in a ceremony at the State Capitol in Salem on March 9, 2016.

Since 1985 the Oregon Commission for Women has presented the Woman of Achievement Award to women in Oregon for leadership and success in their area of expertise, promoting the status of women in society, reflecting a commitment to equity and diversity, and serving as exemplary role models.

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The Oregon Commission for Women was legislatively established in 1983 to work for women's equality. The commission does this by advocating for women in the community, providing information on women to the governor and state legislature, serving as a link for women to state agencies, and providing services to individual women in Oregon.