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# WOMEN'S FUND of OMAHA

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## Tickets Are Going Fast for the Fall Luncheon

[Sign up now](#) to attend the Women's Fund's [11th Annual Fall Luncheon](#) on Thursday, Oct. 27, and learn "Proven Strategies for Thriving in the Workplace" from Carla Harris. This popular business event takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ramada Plaza Hotel. Harris, a highly sought-after speaker with a national following, is coming to Omaha from Morgan Stanley Investment Management on Wall Street to share her pearls of wisdom on charting a sure path to success.

The luncheon also includes presentation of nearly \$135,000 in grants to local nonprofit agencies. And, everyone attending will receive an autographed copy of Harris' book.

## 2011 Recycled Rides Recipient to be Announced at Fall Luncheon

Having her own vehicle has "been a true blessing" to Shawnie Irvin. She received keys to the first Recycled Rides vehicle - a 2003 Ford Windstar mini-van - at the Women's Fund Fall Luncheon last fall. "It is the gift that keeps giving."

Fast forward nearly a year, and Irvin has graduated with honors from the College of Saint Mary with an associate of science degree in nursing and a bachelor's degree in general studies. She is preparing to take her boards and apply for a nursing job, with a goal to attend graduate school next fall.

"The van has been amazing," says Irvin, who was a resident in the college's Mothers Living & Learning Program last year. Having the van meant no more long walks or waiting for the bus in the bitter cold or rainy weather to get to her early morning clinical rotations.

This is the second year State Farm Insurance donated the vehicle and CARSTAR Body Shop repaired it.



*Shawnie Irvin, recipient of the first Recycled Rides van, awarded in 2010.*



## Promote Your Woman-Owned Business

Advertise your business to influential women across the metro area with the NEW Women's Business Directory inside [Today's Omaha Woman](#) magazine.

Business-card-sized ads are just \$100. It's a great value, as 20,000 copies of the magazine are distributed by mail and on newsstands (including all Baker's locations). The fall issue also will be given out at the Oct. 27 Women's Fund Luncheon. Contact Dinah Gomez at 402.514.7999 to reserve your space. Deadline for camera-ready ads is Oct. 6.



## Research Fact

Poverty, employment, and financial literacy ranked as the top three issues facing

WOMEN'S FUND *Circles*

## September 30 Is Deadline for Women's Fund Circles Group Applications

Applications are being accepted from young women interested in membership in the inaugural class of Women's Fund Circles. The new organization will introduce members to the Women's Fund's work, while providing them with the chance to connect with female leaders in the Omaha area. Quarterly events will include opportunities to network both professionally and personally and to gain knowledge about philanthropy.

Additional information about Women's Fund Circles is available on the [Women's Fund website](#), which also includes a link to the [online application form](#). Sept. 30 is the deadline to apply. Applications will be reviewed by a committee, and selected members will be notified in November. Membership is limited and requires a \$100 annual donation to the Women's Fund.

## Deadline to Vote for Women's Fund Is Sept. 30

Vote for The Women's Fund of Omaha for metroMAGAZINE's [The Big Event award](#). The Women's Fund was nominated for:

- Best Anniversary Celebration - Fall Luncheon celebrating our 20th anniversary.
- Best Event Over 1,000 in Attendance - Omaha Fashion Week's Grand Finale Runway Show benefitting the Women's Fund.



women in the Omaha area in the next year.

*Women's Fund Community Survey*



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