



JAMIE ANGELICH 2012 TRIUMPHANT WOMAN

EXCELSIOR YOUTH CENTER CREATED THE FIRST EVER TRIUMPHANT WOMAN AWARD IN 2008, AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE THE DIFFICULT JOURNEY OF OVERCOMING SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES AND ADVERSITY TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD.

TRIUMPHANT WOMEN ARE HONORED FOR “BEATING THE ODDS” AND BECOMING PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY, DISPLAYING CHARACTERISTICS WORTHY OF A ROLE MODEL TO EXCELSIOR GIRLS. WE ARE PROUD TO HONOR **JAMIE ANGELICH** AS OUR 2012 TRIUMPHANT WOMAN.

AS YOUNG CHILDREN GROWING UP IN WEST TEXAS, JAMIE AND HER THREE SIBLINGS OVERCAME A DIFFICULT CHILDHOOD. “I KNOW OUR STRONG CHRISTIAN CHURCH BACKGROUND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OUR HEALING. TODAY, WE’RE SO PROUD THAT ALL FOUR OF US BROKE THE CYCLE OF ABUSE,” WRITES JAMIE. “WE SURVIVED! AND WE WERE FORTUNATE TO RECONCILE WITH OUR PARENTS IN OUR ADULT LIVES AND WERE BLESSED TO EXPERIENCE THINGS WITH THEM DURING THEIR LATER YEARS THAT WE MISSED DURING OUR CHILDHOOD. THOUGH MAMA DIED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, DADDY IS HAPPY IN A NURSING FACILITY IN TEXAS.”

DESPITE OUR DIFFICULT PAST, WE ALL HOLD OUR HEADS UP HIGH, WITH SELF ESTEEM AND SELF WORTH, SETTING GOOD EXAMPLES FOR OUR OWN CHILDREN.

JAMIE SAYS HER PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IN LIFE IS BEING A DEVOTED WIFE AND MOTHER TO HUSBAND ALAN AND SON, ADAM. ALAN IS RETIRED FROM THE CABLE INDUSTRY, WHILE ADAM IS A FRESHMAN ENGINEERING STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

EDUCATED AT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY, JAMIE ENJOYED A VARIETY OF JOBS IN TEXAS UNTIL MOVING TO COLORADO IN 1986 AND MARRYING ALAN IN 1989. SHE HAS CHAIRED A MULTITUDE OF FUNDRAISING GALAS AND SHE SERVED ON MANY COMMUNITY BOARDS INCLUDING THE NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHILDREN’S DIABETES FOUNDATION, DENVER HEALTH FOUNDATION, DENVER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, DENVER BALLET AUXILIARY, NATIONAL JEWISH FOUNDATION, DENVER MUSEUM OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, KENT DENVER SCHOOL, CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS FOUNDATION, CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, KEMPE CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA GUILD, PROJECT CURE AND DENVER HOSPICE.

“I SO APPRECIATE JAMIE’S CONTAGIOUS ‘CAN DO’ SPIRIT, HER CREATIVITY, HER ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CHALLENGE AND HER WISDOM,” WRITES RYTA SONDERGARD, A FRIEND WHO NOMINATED JAMIE FOR THIS HONOR. ANOTHER WELL KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST, LAFAWN BIDDLE, SAYS JAMIE HAS CHANGED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MANY COLORADANS.

