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YMCA Recognizes Local Volunteers Who Go Above and Beyond
Award Presentation Part of 2015 Annual Meeting
June 3, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Grove Hotel Ballroom

Boise, ID - The Treasure Valley Family YMCA (Y) is awarding five individuals with awards for their years of volunteerism and service to the Y and our community. These awards will be presented at the Y's 2015 Annual Meeting on June 3rd at the Grove Hotel, an event that brings people together to celebrate the successes of the Y's mission and recognize volunteers who help make it possible.

GOLDEN BOOK OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is the Y's most prestigious honor and has only been awarded to 10 individuals in the Y's 124-year history. This year, the Y will be presenting the Golden Book to **Sharon Allen**, a woman of civil service who began her impressive career at Deloitte in the Boise office. In her illustrious career with Deloitte, Allen earned a number of "firsts", including becoming the first female managing partner, first female board member, and first independent chairman of Deloitte LLP, making her the highest-ranking woman in Deloitte's history. Allen's voluntary service to the Y over the last few decades is earned her the Golden Book Award. In the Treasure Valley community, Allen served on the Board as Chair during some of this Y's most exciting times as the Y expanded into West Boise with the West Family YMCA and Boise City Aquatics Center. She went on to serve on the Board for the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, and later was recruited to the National YMCA Board of Directors, which she eventually chaired.

Allen is the 10th to receive this award. She joins the following class of recipients:

Lee Abercrombie
Ed Cleary
Charles Donaldson
Bob Klumpp
Dave Nordling
Ed Osborne
Jim Bruce
John Fery
Gay Simplot

VERN EMERY AWARD

The Board of Directors of the Treasure Valley Family YMCA established the Vern Emery Award in 1991 in memory and honor of former Y Executive Director Vern Emery's long-term leadership of this community's YMCA. It is presented annually to an outstanding volunteer leader based upon the following criteria:

- Long-term service to the Y and the community-at-large
- Former Service-to-Youth Award recipient
- Must demonstrate the personal qualities so characteristic of Vern, including caring, compassion, strong leadership and initiative, optimistic, positive attitude, sense of humor, ability to be a role model, ability to praise and build self-esteem in others, and ability to be a friend to all

This year, the Vern Emery Award is being given to long-time Y Board Member and community advocate, **Craig Storti**. Former managing partner at Hawley Troxell and legal counsel at URS, Storti has been a volunteer coach, committee member, mentor, and board member for the Y through many years of strategic growth and change. He's provided countless hours of pro bono legal service to Y members in need. To learn more about Storti and his positive impact on our community, [watch his Vern Emery Award video](#).

SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

In addition to the aforementioned awards, the Y is presenting three committed Y volunteers with the Service to Youth Award, an honor that is presented annually to individuals who have gone above and beyond over the years to help develop youth in our valley. The 2015 recipients are:

John Cotner, West YMCA
Scott Gipson, Caldwell YMCA
David Turnbull, Brighton Corporation

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ABOUT THE TREASURE VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

The Treasure Valley Family YMCA (Y) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Y works to strengthen the foundation of our community by developing successful youth, engaging people in healthy living, and instilling a commitment to social responsibility. We provide support and opportunities that empower people and communities to learn, grow, and thrive. Learn more at ymcatvidaho.org.