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WOW GRADUATE OF THE YEAR

When you make a donation to **WOW**, you are making a significant difference in a woman's life. Every year, a number of **WOW** graduates achieve major milestones. Below is the story of this year's amazing **WOW** woman and graduate of the year.

Sylvia

When Sylvia first came to **WOW**, she was ready to change her life to make things better for herself and her children. There were many days she was up at 4:00 am and didn't return home until well after dark. She hit a few stumbling blocks early in the program, but these negative encounters only empowered Sylvia. Through it all she came to class each day ready to give her all to her training and thus completed the program in record time. Sylvia always received a lot of positive feedback from the chefs, "Sylvia jumps into work as soon as she walks in the door." Sylvia decided on an internship at Sodexo at Regis University where the chefs were impressed with her amazing attitude and talents in the kitchen. Not surprisingly she was offered a position and we have heard nothing but rave reviews ever since. Sylvia received an honorary graduate certificate for Exceptional Leadership, Outstanding Professionalism, and Extraordinary Dedication to Personal Growth. Congratulations Sylvia!



Sylvia tells her story at WomenCook!

Sylvia:

*"I loved coming to **WOW** everyday. This was my fresh start where I was no longer judged for my choices I had made in the past. I found that I mattered and was able to take care of*

*myself and be a better mother to my children. I want the staff at **WOW** to know the impact they were making and the chances they were giving so many women.*

I can tell you today I am the happiest I can remember being in at least 10 years. It's amazing how one phone call changed my life forever. I took the chance I was given and ran with it."

*Here is an opportunity to provide much needed supplies to **WOW** students and staff!*

WOW WISH LIST

- Black sharpie markers
- 3" X 5" memo books
- Two pocket folders - red and black
- White 2" three-ring binders
- Small pocket 2008 calendars





Thank you **WOW** supporters.

EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT

The WomenCook! event on May 12 raised a record \$106,000 to benefit **Work Options for Women**. The success would not have been possible without the support from the Executive Chef sponsor: SysTest Labs, Sous Chef sponsors: Bank of the West, Denver Department of Human Services, Rose Medical Center and Shamrock Foods Company and Foodie sponsors: Colorado Capital Bank, Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services, FreshPoint of Denver, Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado and GoFigure Group Inc. Media sponsors were 5280 Magazine, CBS4 and Post-News Community and Dorsey & Whitney LLP and EKS&H were Additional sponsors. In-Kind sponsors included Congregation Emanuel, Profusion Floral Design, Julie Afflerbaugh Photography, LGC Staffing, Boyer's Coffee, Congregation Emanuel, Conundrum and Gearbox Creative. Thank you all for making it a great evening.



Toni Schmid, Executive Director and Chef Jane Berryman celebrate the 4th WomenCook! event

A special thank you to the WomenCook! committee co-chairs Catherine Henry and Dorothy Malman and committee members Kim Knuth, Kathy Meehan, Diane Ryan, Kristy Skrabec, Vikki Stevens, Toni Schmid, Trish Barron, Sue Hobza, John Imbergamo and C Marden who gave of their time and talents to make this event a great success.

Planning for next year's WomenCook! event will begin in August. Contact Jennifer Koeller at 720-944-1917 if you are interested in joining the planning committee.

Another way to show your support.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

The Greenlee Family Foundation has provided **WOW** with a \$10,000 matching grant to help us raise contributions from any new donors (individuals, companies, faith communities). If you would like to help us meet this match, contact Jennifer Koeller at 720-944-1917. Your donation will directly help the students at **WOW**.

The success of the **WOW** program would not be possible without our valued employers.

GREAT EMPLOYER PARTNERS WITH **WOW**

For the last two years, **WOW** has partnered with Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services filling positions in their various food service operations throughout Denver International Airport. Since March 2006, Delaware North Companies has hired 11 **WOW** graduates and seven graduates are current employees.

*"We really enjoy working with **Work Options for Women**. This organization trains people to excel in the working world and gives them dignity and self determination. This is the stuff everyday heroes are made of. We are honored to accept Employer of the Year, but the biggest honor is that the award comes from such a selfless, committed organization."*

Mary Dyer, General Manager, Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services

Thank you Delaware North Companies for partnering with **WOW** by providing employment opportunities for **WOW** graduates. To learn more about how you can become a **WOW** Employer Partner, please contact Candice Crawforth at 720-944-1122.

Great partnerships at work!

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WOW in the news.

A FRENZY OF FINE FARE HELPS GROUP

Penny Parker, Rocky Mountain News, Wednesday, 5/14/08

More than 500 folks attended WomenCook!, the fourth annual foodie feeding frenzy, whipped up by chick chefs at Temple Emanuel Monday Night. The event, a benefit for **Work Options for Women**, a program that trains low-income women to work in the food service industry, blew away last year's participation with 50 percent more attendees lining up for fine fare and wow wine.

"Molly Hughes was supposed to be here, but she's eating airline food on her way back from New York," said CBS4 News reporter Suzanne McCarroll subbing as emcee for Hughes. "My daughter has never been so happy to attend an event with me. Especially when she saw what her little brother was having for dinner – frozen pizza."

No frozen pizza on Monday's menu. Chefs Jane Berryman (**Work Options for Women**), Jennifer Jasinski (Rioja, Bistro Vendome), Katherine Keeley (Katherine's French Bakery), Kathleen Kenny Davia (Gateaux), Yasmin Lozado-Hissom (Duo), Pat Perry (Highland's Garden Café), Janiece Rivas (Oceanaire Seafood Room), Jean Stone (The Palm), Amy Vitale (Tables), Paula Benitez Urrutia (Panzano) and Teresia Otta (Jax) turned out tasty treats including Colorado lamb chops with minted tomato confit, English pea and morel mushroom risotto, organic corn cakes, buffalo with chipotle cherries, tuna spring rolls and duck confit with portabello sage bread pudding.



Sylvia Bettini, **WOW's** graduate of the year, reminded the crowd the real reason for the fundraiser. With no job and no

prospects, Bettini made one phone call to **Work Options**. On her second day working in the kitchen, Berryman put Bettini on the grill, the hardest station. "Chef Jane told me I seriously kicked butt that day," Bettini said. "It's amazing how one phone call changed my life forever. I walked away from a very bad and abusive relationship, and I'm able to better care for my children. I wanted so much for the staff to know the impact they're making by helping so many women."

To view photos from the event, please visit www.juliafflerbaugh.com/slideshows/WomenCook051208. The show will load and music will play automatically. To view all the images in a gallery and order prints, go to www.juliafflerbaugh.com and click on client proofs. The passcode is womencook08.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 SPRING GRADUATES!

The **WOW** graduation in April was filled with tears and laughter as the graduates were honored for their success in completing the program. Each graduate was spotlighted by the **WOW** staff, received their certificate and shared how their lives have been significantly changed since beginning the program.



WOW graduates Latoshia, Temeka, Aytan, Susie, Susan and Sylvia

Congratulations to Aytan, Sylvia, Susie, Temeka, Jacklyn, Latoshia, Susan, Roseann on your accomplishments! Their employers include Christian Living Communities – University Hills, Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services at DIA, Denver Federal Center, Forest Street Compassionate Care Center, Sodexho at the Auraria Campus and Sodexho at Regis University.

We look forward to following your progress in the coming months!

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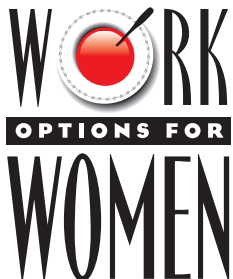
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