

2026 Community Hero Award



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The **Community Hero Award** is designed to honor a female's contributions outside of the office. The honoree should demonstrate a commitment to her community through service. This individual should have contributed positively to community improvement and change through time, talent, treasure or a combination. Her skills should be utilized in a way that does not directly benefit her professionally, but rather, for the betterment of others. Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted by another person/organization.

The award will be presented at the Women-in-Business Luncheon as part of **Pow(H)er 2026** at Embassy Suites by Hilton Rockford Riverfront & Rockford Conference Center.

Entry Process

- Prepare a written submission that addresses the following:
 1. **Nominee's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number**
 2. **Nominator's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number**
 3. **Start With Why**
It's often said less is more. In a quick 250-word summary, share *why* your nominee should be named Community Hero.
 4. **Community Improvement**
In what way has this person's contributions positively improved, impacted or changed the community for the better? (Data to showcase improvement welcomed & encouraged, but not required)
 5. **Servant Leadership**
In what ways does the nominee demonstrate servant leadership? How does her work directly benefit the community?
 6. **Professional and/or Personal Responsibilities**
Describe the nominee's life beyond her volunteer work – professionally and/or personally.
- Letters of recommendation will be accepted & considered but are not required.

Once you have finalized your submission, please email to: nominations@rockfordchamber.com

Nominations must be received by noon on October 2, 2026, by Noon.

To register for the Women-In-Business Luncheon, please visit rockfordchamber.com.

Please note: all attendees, including honorees, will need to register for the event.