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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **OIC OF WASHINGTON & THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER'S 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE BANQUET**

**Yakima, WA September 13, 2016**

OIC of Washington and the Southeast Community Center will hold its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Make a Difference Banquet on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Southeast Community Center.

Make a Difference Day is a national campaign sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine and the Points of Life Foundation. This year's Make a Difference Banquet will honor one individual and two organizations that have made a difference in the lives of Yakima's children.

We invite you to join us on this special evening as we celebrate 47 Years of serving the Yakima Community and honor this year's recipients in their commitment to ***Making A Difference in the lives of others***. This year's honorees include Walmart Store #2269, Sonja Rodriguez True and Parker Youth Sports.

This year's guest speaker will be Erin Black, Memorial Foundation CEO. Erin received her Master's Degree from Seattle University in Executive Nonprofit Leadership (MNPL). Erin currently serves on the Downtown Yakima Rotary Board, the Central Washington University Board of Trustees, and serves as Chair on the Safe Yakima Valley Board - 100 Jobs for 100 Kids Committee, of which she has spent hundreds of hours volunteering. Erin is a team-oriented leader and believes we can accomplish anything we set our minds to as a team of staff, volunteers and community members. She also believes the importance of creating a network of services in our community has contributed to helping so many families and creating a big impact.

Individual tickets are available for \$25.00 each or one table of eight for \$200.00. Proceeds from this event will continue to support Southeast Yakima Community Center's youth education, recreation, and enrichment programs to the 750 children and youth who are served annually.

To make a reservation, please contact Adrienne Garner 575-6114. Checks should be made payable and mailed to OIC of Washington, Attention Adrienne Garner, 815 Fruitvale Blvd., Yakima, Washington 98902.

This community activity is sponsored by The Southeast Yakima Community Center's Special Events Committee and its Community Partners.

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