

Dear Women of Influence Selection Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Lana Jones-Gould for the 2018 Women of Influence Award.

I've known Lana for 20 plus years and most recently our paths crossed again when we signed on to be Co-Chairs for Jazz, Jewels and Jeans to benefit the Homes of Oakridge.

Lana has been such a strong leader and influencer in our community for so many years that I thought she had already received your prestigious award. When I looked into it, I was surprised to discover that she has never been an awardee.

She has touched so many non-profit organizations in our community and as a result, made a real difference in the lives of many with her gifts of time and money. She's driven to serve, rejects the status quo and always strives for excellence in any endeavor she takes on.

She approaches each event in a methodical way by analyzing how it was previously done to determine the best route to raise the bar. And her personality will motivate even the weakest link on a committee! I'll guarantee you that every goal she's set will be surpassed from the previous year.

Her goal setting and work ethic came to her in a time of need. Her meager upbringing forced her to become self-sufficient and a self-starter at an early age.

And then, her work in the fashion industry where she started as a sales clerk. From there she worked her way up to becoming Executive Vice President of Stores, Human Resource and Training for Seiferts, a chain of women's clothing stores.

As you will see on her attached resume, her achievements are plentiful and I'm proud to say I can vouch for her worthiness. I hope you'll strongly consider Lana Jones-Gould to become a Women of Influence.

Sincerely,

Marcia Wanamaker