

2016 Women of Achievement-Economic Advancement Sandi Roberts



Sandi Roberts was a trailblazer and pioneer in the construction industry. She started her own business in 1983 in an era when women-owned commercial construction companies were unheard of. She faced adversity and discrimination in the beginning of her career, but managed to persevere and establish herself as a leading contractor in the South Sound area. Throughout her career, she also met with other women entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners to share her story and offer advice and guidance.

She did all of this while raising two girls as a single parent. Today her daughters have grown into well-rounded women raising their children to understand equity and equality in the workplace.

Sandi opened doors, she listened and lead the cheers, but she wanted to do more. She started by helping to re-build the YWCA of Olympia Girls Without Limits STEM after school program and summer camp programs. She served on the YWCA Board of Directors from 2006-2013, including two years as Board President and serving as an **interim director. She's always the first to buy a ticket to an event and bring her friends** along to learn about the agency mission and their important work. She inspires others to give **and support the YWCA's efforts and programs.**

She also continues to serve the community by volunteering at the Senior Services Estate Store. **She's never stopping helping.**

According to her nominator, "Ask any woman in the Olympia area that knows her and it's apparent that there is no greater role model for women in our community!"