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## **AMY VAN DYKEN TO SPEAK AT 2015 WIN FOR KC WOMEN'S SPORTS AWARDS CELEBRATION**

**KANSAS CITY, MO (January 15, 2015)** – Amy Van Dyken-Rouen, the six-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer that was paralyzed in an ATV accident, will be the featured speaker at the 2015 WIN for KC Women's Sports Awards Celebration Luncheon on Thursday, February 12 at the Sheraton Crown Center.

In June of 2014, Van Dyken survived an ATV accident and a risky-six hour spinal fusion surgery, but is now paralyzed from the waist down. Today she has created a foundation, Amy's Army which works to improve the lives of people with spinal cord injuries, and has become an inspiration for her resiliency.

Van Dyken will speak to over 1400 people at the Women's Sports Awards Celebration presented by Price Chopper. The annual awards luncheon celebrates the accomplishments of the local female high school state champions, six community members for their contributions and achievements in sports and the accomplishments of WIN for KC.

The Lockton Companies Resiliency Award goes to Mindy Corporon. Mindy lost her son and father in a shooting at the Jewish Community Center in April 2014. In their memory she has created two foundations, which chooses to recognize the love in the world through a dialogue that encourages Faith. She also created a triathlon team that has raced throughout the Midwest to help spread the message.

Robin Sterneck is the BKD WOW Award Winner. Robin has been a dedicated member of the WIN for KC family for over 10 years, serving in many capacities. Robin served as interim director of WIN for KC in the winter of 2013-14 after serving on the WIN for KC Advisory Board and as Board Chair in 2011-2012. After moving to Kansas City, Robin has made a monumental impact as she continues to empower girls and women throughout town.

Sprint Teamwork Award goes to the Louisburg High School Girls' Soccer Fundraising Committee. Two years ago the committee was given initial approval to start a girls' soccer team however the team was stopped because of funding. This committee worked tirelessly to rally the community and raise the funds needed to support the program for the first three years. As a result of their efforts, girls' soccer will be offered at Louisburg High School for the first time in the spring of 2016.

The name Tracey Davies is synonymous with rugby in the Kansas City area. After a successful playing career that included time with the USA National Team she has brought the sport to life in Kansas City by founding multiple rugby clubs across the Kansas City area and for starting five different high school teams. Tracey will receive this year's Hallmark Cards Leadership Award.

The UMB Senior Sportswoman Award goes to Caroline Helmkamp. Caroline has biked hundreds of miles all over the world. She teaches young children bike safety as a volunteer for BikeWalkKC, leads a group ride from Downtown Overland Park each week and helps Revolve KC give bikes to over 400 people that wouldn't otherwise be able to afford it.

This year's HCA Midwest Health Systems Youth Sports Girl Award recipient is Blue Springs High School Senior Mariah Peters. Mariah is the 2014 Class 2 Missouri State Golf Champion and led the team to its first overall team championship in school history. Mariah is also currently Salutatorian of the class of 2015, an officer in DECA and a tutor and mentor for elementary and middle school students.

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### **About WIN for KC**

The Women's Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN for KC), was established in 1994 with the mission to empower girls and women through advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports and fitness, while providing opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN is a volunteer, membership-driven organization that operates as a division of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation.