



The *Kim Tesoro Woman of the Year Award* seeks to honor the impact of exceptional women in Hillsborough/Orange County. Award nominees will be evaluated on accomplishments and contributions demonstrated in some or all of the following categories:

- **Professional Achievements:** significant accomplishments in her field of work.
- **Leadership:** demonstrating exceptional skills, such as inspiring and guiding others, effective decision-making, and strategic vision.
- **Influence:** having impact within her community, industry, or the wider public through her work and actions.
- **Community Engagement:** active involvement in community service, volunteering, or social initiatives that improve the lives of others.
- **Advocacy and Activism:** leading or participating in movements or campaigns for social, economic, or environmental causes.
- **Resilience and Perseverance:** overcoming significant challenges or adversity to achieve success.
- **Mentorship and Support:** mentoring and supporting other women, helping to advance their careers, and advocating for gender equality.
- **Breaking Barriers:** overcoming glass ceilings and setting new precedents in her field or society, paving the way for future generations of women.

Nominations

Award nominations may be made by the nominee or a nominator by filling out the attached form. Nominations must be received by August 15, 2024.

Mail or email completed nomination form to:

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About the Award

Long-time Hillsborough resident, business owner and former Chamber CEO Kim Tesoro lost her battle with cancer in July 2023. The Woman of the Year Award was named in Kim's honor to celebrate her legacy of service to the community and her passion for Hillsborough and Central Carolina Women in Business, the women's professional development program she helped establish. The *Kim Tesoro Woman of the Year Award* will be presented each October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The 2024 award will be presented at the CCWIB luncheon on Tuesday, October 15.

Kim Tesoro Woman of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominator's Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship to Nominee (if any): _____

Nominee's Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Current Position/Title: _____

Organization/Company: _____

Please answer the following five questions. Submit answers as a separate attached document in Word or Adobe PDF format.

1. In 500 words or less, summarize why the nominee deserves the Woman of the Year Award.
2. What are the nominee's most significant professional achievements? Provide specific examples.
3. Has the nominee demonstrated innovation and/or leadership in her field? If so, please provide specific examples of contributions.
4. Provide examples of how the nominee's efforts have positively impacted the community or others.
5. Has the nominee overcome significant challenges or barriers? If so, please describe.

(Optional) Attach any supporting documents you wish to share that could further explain why the nominee is deserving of the award.

Award Presentation

Finalists for the *Kim Tesoro Woman of the Year Award* will be invited to take part as a member of a panel at the award luncheon on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, and share their story.

Questions?

Contact Scott Czechlewski: scott@hillsboroughchamber.com / 919.732.8156