

## Call for Nominations

The Spafford Advisory Committee invites the community to submit nominations for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Belle S. Spafford Award. This Award honors the life of Belle S. Spafford by recognizing women who have had an impact on Utah by improving the lives of women and their families.

Belle Smith Spafford achieved international recognition when she was called to serve as the General President of the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1945.

A 52-year member of the National Council of Women of the United States, Belle Spafford also served as its second vice president for eight years and as president from 1968-1970. She was chair of the United States delegation meetings of the International Council of Women at Helsinki, Finland, in 1954, Tehran, Iran, in 1966, and Bangkok, Thailand, in 1969. As Director of the Relief Society social work programs in Utah, Arizona, Idaho, and Nevada, she instituted services for adoptions, care of deprived and neglected children, youth guidance services, and foster-care educational programs for Native American children. In addition to these and other accomplishments, Belle Spafford served as a member of the National Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Aging in 1951. Belle Smith Spafford died on February 2, 1982 at the age of 86.

Nominees for the Belle S. Spafford Award can be women who have had an impact on Utah by improving the lives of women and their families. Past recipients of the Award and members of the faculty of the College of Social Work at the University of Utah or members of the Spafford Advisory Committee, unless retired for at least 5 years, are ineligible for the award.

Nominations should include:

- Nominee name
- Nominee contact information (organization, address, phone, e-mail)
- Name of person making the nomination with their contact information (organization, address, phone, e-mail)
- The reasons for the nomination, detailing how the nominee has impacted Utah by improving the lives of women and their families.
- Any additional information that would set this nominee apart from other nominees.

Nominations should be a minimum of one page and be sufficiently detailed to give the Selection Committee adequate information to make a decision.

For further information, contact:

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Completed nominations must be received by February 2, 2009  
The Award will be presented at the Spring Roundtable in April 2009.

#### Past Recipients

2003 – Esther Landa

2004 – LucyBeth Rampton and Francis Farley

2005 – Florence Jacobsen, Chair, Belva Ashton, Irene Buehner, Susan Christensen, Katie Dixon, Adelaide McAllister, Maren Mouritsen, Olive Nielson, Betka Papanek, Tibby Simmons, Barbara Smith, Marie Wangeman, and Alice Wilkinson

2006 – Mayor JoAnn Seghini

2007 – Marilyn May Phillips

2008 – Helen V. Post