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South Portland Resident, Annie Houle, Recognized with the Liz Crandall Leadership Award

Portland – On Thursday evening, the Maine Women's Policy Center gathered at the Wishcamper Center of the Muskie School of Public Service to honor those contributors whose generosity makes their work to increase opportunities for women and girls possible.

In special recognition of her efforts to increase the economic standing of women in Maine and throughout the country, the annual Liz Crandall Leadership Award was presented to Annie Houle.

Annie lives in South Portland but her work to promote fair pay takes her across the United States. As National Director of Campus and Community Initiatives for the WAGE Project (www.wageproject.org), she crisscrosses the country providing training and guidance for college students and for community groups working to eliminate the wage gap through more effective salary negotiation.

Said Sarah Standiford, Executive Director of the Maine Women's Policy Center, "Annie has taught over 400 facilitators to, in turn, train women to negotiate for fair salaries and equal pay. This corps of trainers conducts programs from Maine to Florida to Wyoming and beyond. In fact, her reach extends to several thousand women and girls across the country who have benefitted from WAGE Project programming." Standiford continued, "At the same time, Annie devotes herself towards strategies to improve women's jobs and end the wage gap in Maine through her collaboration with the Maine Women's Policy Center and the Coalition for Maine Women. Maine is a better place because of Annie's leadership."

The Liz Crandall Leadership Award is given to a Maine Women's Policy Center Leadership Circle member who demonstrates the spirit of leadership, commitment, and activism exemplified by the late Elizabeth Crandall.

*The Maine Women's Policy Center, founded in 1990, is a private, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to improve the lives of Maine women and girls through public policy and leadership development
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