

## **Women's Executive Council Honors Ironwood Maine Advisory Council Member with Community Service and Volunteerism Award**

A recent appointee to the Ironwood Maine advisory council, Yvonne Stimac of Altamonte Springs, Florida, was honored for her community service and volunteerism by the Women's Executive Council, a social and charitable organization composed of women who are business owners and executives in a variety of occupations in the Orlando area.

Ms. Stimac has an extensive history of dedication and commitment to her community and a passion to help children who have been abused and neglected. As a member of the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force in Seminole County, Ms. Stimac has chaired for the past two years the Community Safety Fair, hosting over 3000 attendees. The focus of this event is to provide to the residents of Seminole County a valuable resource directory which identifies key contact information for rape hotlines, shelters, health centers, counseling facilities, and other vital services.

As Vice President of Seminole County Friends of Abused Children, Ms. Stimac has chaired the school supply drive which provides school supplies to children in the foster care system. In that capacity, she has chaired the Secret Santa program which allows the children to receive a Christmas gift of their choosing. She has also been a key organizer of the Light of Hope Ceremony. This annual ceremony, held during the designated Abuse Prevention month, April, is preceded with a host of events to help promote the prevention of Child Abuse in the County. The Ceremony brings together key figures involved in the effort, as well as state and local legislators. At the close of the Ceremony a candle light vigil is held for abused and neglected children.



In the past, Ms. Stimac has also served as guardian ad litem, raising awareness about the abused and neglected children, helping the children through custody hearings and court proceedings, as well as advising judges on how to rule in these cases.

Ms. Stimac also works in the family owned business, Machining Solutions in Altamonte Springs.

“Yvonne’s commitment and dedication to advocate for children is exemplified by her numerous hours volunteerism to these child advocacy groups. Her passion to help those

who can least help themselves is contagious and Ironwood Maine is proud to have her seated on the council,” said Marion Rodrigue, Ironwood Maine’s President and Director.

### **About Ironwood Maine**

Ironwood Maine is a residential treatment center committed to helping families in crisis with troubled teens. We trust the teens and families we treat to share our commitment to generating successful, rewarding outcomes. Our aim is to assess and treat the causes of unruly behavior, while providing self-esteem building activities and life-enriching experiences along with academic studies. We strive to reunite youth and their families through clinical therapy, discipline, hard work, and shared experiences in a safe, secure, and therapeutic learning environment. For more information on the program call 877-342-2463 or go to [www.ironwoodmaine.com](http://www.ironwoodmaine.com).