Celebration Hall
Ongoing Recognition

As part of the ongoing recognition of the Betty Friedan Tribute, a “Celebration Hall” at the ywca peoria will be established to recognize the uncelebrated accomplishments of other women of and from the Heart of Illinois. Celebration Hall will be modeled after the Women’s National Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY, of which Betty Friedan is an honored member. Celebration Hall will be located at the ywca Lakeview Center in Lakeview Park.

Celebration Hall Vision
To honor in perpetuity these women, citizens of and from the Heart of Illinois, who have contributed to equality in our culture, furthering the natural alliance between feminism, humanism, and family

Betty Friedan Celebration Committee:
Dorothy Sinclair, Fran Kepler, Joyce Harant, Janet Roth, Diane Brown, Nancy Long, Hettie Beers, Jean Sanger, Jean Slonenger, Donna Carkenrod, Irene Pritzker, Stacey Robertson, Pam Schubach

“Maybe my power and glory was that I could speak my truth as a woman and it was the truth of every woman.”

Betty Friedan

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Betty Friedan Tribute
A Peoria Hometown
Celebration and Recognition

Entrance, Betty Friedan Family Child Care Center
In the fall of 2007, a local group of women were frustrated that the life and work of Betty Friedan was not recognized in her home town of Peoria, Illinois. We searched for a way to celebrate Betty Friedan and to celebrate the lives of other local women who go unnoticed for their accomplishments. It was quickly realized that ywca peoria could allow us to accomplish our goals and support programs for women, children and families that Betty Friedan envisioned.

We ask that you join us in creating a lasting tribute to Betty Friedan by raising $100,000 to rename the ywca childcare center the Betty Friedan Child Care Center. This tribute will be a lasting legacy to Betty Friedan while ensuring that the important programs of ywca peoria continue. Please make a donation today.

The Betty Friedan Celebration Committee

Opportunities for giving

Your generosity will pay tribute to this remarkable Peoria woman. Please help the ywca peoria Betty Friedan Celebration Committee reach the $100,000 goal.

Levels of Giving

Equality $5,000
‘Second Wave’ $2,500
Peoria Mystique $1,000
Everywoman $100+

Please complete the donation form enclosed.
For more information, contact ywca peoria
309-685-7655 ext. 211

ywca peoria Core Programs:

Home—abundant, affordable housing with case management services for homeless women and children. (59 units)
Health—therapeutic aquatic exercise and rehabilitation and youth programming. (7500 served annually)
Family—child care for infants through twelve years of age with certified preschool for 3-5 year olds. (161 slots for children)

Betty Friedan was the feminist crusader and author whose book The Feminine Mystique ignited the contemporary women’s movement in 1963. The Feminine Mystique brought her international fame as one of the principal architects of the new Feminist Movement and is widely regarded as one of the most influential books of the 20th Century.

Betty Friedan’s revolutionary vision proposed a new society, based on the notion that men and women deserved equal opportunity with equal rewards. Her ideas permanently and tumultuously transformed the social fabric of America and the world, and the transformation continues today.

During some of the most productive years of Betty Friedan’s crusade, she was a resident of Peoria, Illinois. The ywca peoria provided her with a public platform during those important years, and today the ywca seeks to honor her as a heroic native daughter.