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Florence Crittenton's annual luncheon hosts Olympian Amy Van Dyken-Rouen as keynote speaker

The 13th annual Teaming Up For Girls Luncheon, presented by Billing Tree, raised more than \$420,000 for at-risk girls in the Valley

PHOENIX (April 1, 2015) –Six-time Olympic gold medalist and keynote speaker, Amy Van Dyken-Rouen, shared her story of determination and resilience at Florence Crittenton's 13th Annual Teaming Up For Girls Luncheon at the Arizona Biltmore Resort.

Over 700 inspirational leaders, including Event Chair Deborah Bateman, attended the luncheon to celebrate the non-profit's 118 years of service to at-risk girls and young women in the Valley. The luncheon raised over \$420,000 dollars that will directly support Florence Crittenton's core programs and Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona, a Florence Crittenton Initiative. The funds are vital to continuing essential care for at-risk girls to overcome issues of abuse, neglect, teen parenting, etc. and also to deliver college preparatory education to young women in the community.

"We are fortunate to have such compelling speakers share their stories with our supporters and especially, the girls we serve that are in the audience," said Dr. Kellie Warren, CEO of Florence Crittenton. "We are so grateful to another successful Teaming Up For Girls Luncheon."

Amy Van Dyken-Rouen gave an encouraging speech about becoming an Olympian, winning six gold medals and enduring the tough road to recovery after experience a near death ATV accident here in Arizona. She also participated in an engaging Q&A session with MC, Heather Moore of 3TV. This year's HOPE (Head start, Opportunity, Positive future and Education for children) Award was presented to human-trafficking survivor and activist, Shanna Parker who recently founded non-profit, Angels Go To Work, and wrote an autobiography titled *And He Called Me Angel*. Long-time supporter of the agency, Debbie Gaby, received the Visionary Award.

Florence Crittenton is grateful to continued supporters, Billing Tree and Talking Stick Resort. For more information on Florence Crittenton and its upcoming community events, please visit www.flocrit.org.

About Florence Crittenton

For more than 117 years, Florence Crittenton, a nonprofit 501c(3) organization, has helped girls and young women ages 10 to 21 discover their strength and self-worth by providing them the support and resources they need to reach their full potential as successful and independent members of our community. The agency offers programs and services for individuals struggling to overcome challenges caused by poverty, abuse, neglect, crime, homelessness and violence. Florence Crittenton also holds the charter for the state's first and only public, single gender preparatory school, the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona (GLAAZ). Each year, Florence Crittenton provides shelter, counseling, social support and education to nearly 1,000 girls and their families. For more information about Florence Crittenton and its programs and services, please visit www.flocrit.org.

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