

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



PEGGIE TROUTT

Peggie arrived in Spokane in 1983 with her husband, James Troutt, and family. Settling in at Fairchild AFB Peggie had a strong advocate of community service on base and in the Spokane Community. She and others formed an African-American Club on base which included the Spokane community by sponsoring many cultural events in Liberty Park for all to celebrate.

When Peggie became president of the African-American Club, she and the members organized the Annual Multicultural Fairs, which lasted for 7 yrs. It started with 300 attendees at the first opening and after she retired in 2005 with approximately 5,000 attendees in conjunction with the Fairchild Open House event. She was able to encourage the different cultures to share a taste of their different food delicacies as well.

Peggie attended Gonzaga University where she learned about The Traveling Preacher, Sojourner Truth. When the African-American Club held their Annual Banquet, the Onyx Theater asked Peggie to present the famous "Ain't I A Woman" speech. Peggie has been sharing this speech throughout the Spokane Community for years. She has performed at banquets, Spokane Public Schools, Colleges/Universities, and Juneteenth Celebrations.

Peggie was recognized by the Juneteenth Committee for being the first to bring the Juneteenth Celebration to Spokane. It has now grown to be an outstanding annual event.

Ten years ago, Peggie had a vision of starting a Soup Kitchen at Calvary Baptist Church, where she has been a member since 1995. After thorough research, she presented it to the membership. This was great because it went along with pastor Rev. Dr. C. W. Andrews' vision, he had for the church for over 16 years. Calvary Soup Kitchen functions mainly from food donations and Grants written by Peggie.

Today, Calvary Soup Kitchen has been successful in serving an average of 120 Honored Guests each Saturday. With the support of 2d Harvest, Calvary members, Spokane Community friends, Church Auxiliaries, Schools, students and others needing to complete school projects/community service, CSK continues feeding all who desire a hot meal.

CSK has never closed its doors due to weather or holidays. Peggie and Betty Dumas feel that if they eat, the Honored Guests will eat also.