



# CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Sponsorship Package



# Over 95 Years of Empowerment

Formerly called the Women of Distinction Awards, the YWCA St. John's Circle of Distinction Awards is a widening of our community of excellence to celebrate the achievements of women and gender-diverse people.

The annual awards celebration is being held in Fall 2023. Join our circle to celebrate some of our community's remarkable people by becoming a proud sponsor of this year's Awards.

Funds raised from this long-standing, community-driven event help assist YWCA St. John's in providing life-changing programs and services. We offer youth programs, services for newcomers and members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, employment programs, and the emergency survivor support fund for people facing gender-based violence.

Your support will help us move closer to realizing our vision of a community where girls, women, and gender-diverse people are safe, supported and empowered. This package outlines the benefits of various levels of sponsorship for this prestigious event. We are excited to expand this event to respond to increased community engagement, and invite you to be part of this celebration of women and gender diverse people in our community.

Thank you for your support,





"The personal significance of the Women of Distinction Award is to be amongst the dialogue and engagement of a like-minded community that seeks to empower and support women who are respectively achieving great things. It was truly special to be honoured with this award."

Bethany Downer, 2019 Recipient, Science & Technology

#### **ABOUT THE AWARDS**

The Circle of Distinction Awards (previously known as the Women of Distinction Awards) are presented annually by YWCA's across Canada to celebrate the achievements of women and gender diverse people and provide a platform to share stories that empower, inspire, and motivate others to learn, achieve, and participate.



#### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

Date: September 25, 2023

**Venue: TBD** 



#### **2020 Women of Distinction Award Recipients**

L-R (Standing): Modeline Longjohn, Leila Beaudoin, Emma Duke, Jenelle

L-R (Sitting): Fatima Fathia Mansaray, Andrea Rowe, Mehnaz Tabassum, Bernice Morgan. Missing from the photo: Jurgienne Arizza Umali The Circle of Distinction Awards will be awarded to women and gender-diverse individuals whose contributions have positively impacted the lives of others, in each of the following areas:

- 1. Trailblazer Award (under 25)
- 2. Social Justice and Advocacy Award
  - 3. Equity at Work Award
  - 4. Inspired Innovation Award
  - 5. Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominees who will be honoured have inspired and empowered others by breaking barriers, overcoming obstacles, and meeting challenges to make a difference in the lives of others.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTRIC FUNDRAISING EVENT**

As Circle of Distinction is our main fundraiser, we are hosting a discussion on what it means to develop funds that are in-line with our values in equity and social justice. Community Centric Fundraising principals are grounded in these values and seek to reimagine the future of philanthropic relationships and the non-profit landscape.



For corporate social responsibility programs, fundraising professionals and community champions!

Date: September 26, 2023 Venue: TBD



Aniska Ali, CFRE
Director of Philanthropy, The 519
Serving 2SLGBTQ+ communities across Toronto and beyond

#### **Keynote:**

#### Aniska Ali

Director of Philanthropy, The 519

#### **Panel Discussion:**

# Community Centric Fundraising in Action:

YWCA's National Emergency Survivor Support Fund (NESS)

**Featuring:** 

**Raine Liliefeldt** 

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Aline Nizigama, CEO YWCA Canada

## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

As the only major annual fundraising event for YWCA St. John's, your sponsorship dollars help us continue to deliver life-changing programs and services to girls, women, and gender-diverse people in our community.

	Presenting Sponsor	Champion Sponsor	Trailblazer Sponsor*	Award Sponsor	Tribute Sponsor	In-kind Sponsor
	\$15,500	\$7500	\$5500 *Includes Bursary	\$5000	\$2500	\$500+
Number of Opportunities	1	2	1	4	Unlimited	Unlimited
Complimentary	1 Table	6 Tickets	3 Tickets	3 Tickets	2 Tickets	1 Ticket
Logo Presentation: Online, Print	Most prominent	Large Centred	Medium	Medium	Small	Small
Sponsor Signage: Award Ceremony	Stage Exclusivity Featured consistently	Side Stage Featured consistently	Feature with award	Feature with award	Program	Program
Sponsor Address: Award Ceremony	Exclusivity	_	_	_	_	_
Award Presentation: On Stage	_	_	With Trailblazer Award	With Category	_	_
2024 Right of Refusal	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	V	V	V
Community Centric Fundraising Event	Ticket included	Ticket included	Ticket included	Ticket included	Ticket included	Ticket included

### SPONSORSHIP CONFIRMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION		SPONSORSHIP LEVEL			
Company: Contact Name:		Presenting Sponsor \$15,500 Champion Sponsor \$7500 Trailblazer Sponsor \$5,500			
Title: Mailing Address:		Award Sponsor(s) \$5,000 Tribute Sponsor \$2500 In-kind Sponsor(s) \$500 +			
Postal Code: Phone: Fax: Email:		If you selected Award Sponsor above, please indicate your preferred award category for presentation below. You will be contacted to discuss prior to confirming your selection.  Social Justice and Advocacy Award  Equity at Work Award  Inspired Innovation Award  Lifetime Achievement Award  Trailblazer Award			
SOCIAL ME	<b>DIA</b> (YWCA will include these in promotional po	osts for the Circle of Distinction Awards)			
Instagram: Twitter:	Faceboo Linke				
AUTHORIZATION					
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If you wish to discuss these sponsorship opportunities further, please feel free to call our office at (709) 726-YWCA (9922)

Thank you for your support!