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### **YWCA Toronto Director to receive prestigious Constance Hamilton Award**

YWCA Toronto is proud to announce that Marilda Tselepis, Director of Employment and Skills Development is the recipient of the Constance Hamilton Award.

Conferred by Toronto City Council, the award is named for the first woman Councillor in the City of Toronto and commemorates the Privy Council decision of 1929, which requires the federal government to recognize women as “persons.” The award recognizes Ms. Tselepis for her work and leadership in women’s organizations in Toronto over the past 30 years.

“We are very excited that Marilda’s work has been recognized with this award. She truly carries on the spirit of Constance Hamilton’s leadership.” says Heather McGregor, Executive Director, YWCA Toronto.

Ms. Tselepis will receive her award at a ceremony in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Monday, November 28, Human Rights Day, commemorating the United Nations adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. The Declaration recognizes the inherent dignity and equal and intrinsic rights of all people.

As the Director of Employment and Skills Development for the YWCA Toronto, Ms. Tselepis has developed a multitude of new programs that continue in the spirit of her early days in Toronto as a political refugee. Ms. Tselepis is a role model and a constant resource to her staff, colleagues and the women who come to YWCA for support. All are inspired by her cool-headed administrative ease, her passion for the rights of the women and her steady judgment in times of conflict. Currently she is the President of the Board of Directors of Working Women Community Centre, a member of the Board of the Advocacy Centre for Training and Education for Women (ACTEW) and a member of the Board of Education Wife Assault.

YWCA Toronto is the only multi-service organization by, for and about women and girls. YWCA has programs across Toronto, supporting women at turning points in their lives. In 2004, YWCA Toronto helped 47,000 Torontonians.

For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Amanda Dale, Director of Advocacy & Communications, 416-961-8100, x350.

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