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## Women working for women and families to receive prestigious YWCA Toronto Award

It is said that “when you teach a woman, you teach a family. In advance of Family Day, YWCA Toronto is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009 Women of Distinction Awards.

The YWCA Women of Distinction Awards draw attention to the contributions women make to the life of the city, and in particular their commitment to women and girls. In this difficult economic time, we have chosen to honour the women who address the most critical needs of women in our city. The recipients are seven inspirational women. They have worked to improve immigrant women’s access to employment. They bravely battle against poverty, discrimination, and homelessness. They are role models and trailblazers, turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa, reshaping public office, mobilizing young women to reclaim their bodies, and rallying corporate investment in women and girls.

The 2009 YWCA Women of Distinction are:

**Amy Go**, Access and Opportunity  
**Ilana Landsberg-Lewis**, International Development  
**Peggy Nash**, Labour  
**Angela Robertson**, Social Change  
**Hilary M. Weston**, YWCA President’s Award  
**Beverley Wybrow**, Community Leadership  
**Jessica Yee**, Young Woman of Distinction

The awards will be given at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Dinner, presented by Sun Life Financial, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Wednesday May 13, 2009. This is YWCA Toronto’s most important fundraising event. YWCA offers over 40 programs across Toronto, supporting women at turning points in their lives.

For full biographies and downloadable photographs, and to purchase event tickets, please visit: [www.womenofdistinction.ca](http://www.womenofdistinction.ca).

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