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**Celebrating the good works that sustain us in hard times**

When the going gets tough.....women pull together.

Women suffer most during a recession: first lay offs; increased domestic violence and mental health issues. On Wednesday, May 13, YWCA Toronto will host the 29th Annual Women of Distinction Awards, presented by Sun Life Financial. This year, the annual fundraiser hopes to soften the recession's blow. 1300 guests hope to raise \$800,000 to support more than 26,000 women and their children who need shelter, housing, support and employment assistance from YWCA Toronto.

**Where:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
 North Building, Constitution Hall  
 255 Front St. W, Toronto

**Time:** 4:30pm - Formal YWCA Group Photo set up  
 4:45pm Media interviews and photo opportunities  
 5:30pm - Photo Opp/Set up reel  
 6:30pm - Dinner and Awards

This year's recipients in order of presentation

- 6:40pm **Peggy Nash**, Labour, presented by Towers Perrin  
 First Lady of the autoworkers takes recession to the internet for on line support
- 6:50pm **Amy Go**, Access & Opportunity, presented by Ernst & Young  
 Creating a path for internationally trained women
- 7pm **Angela Robertson**, Social Change, presented by YWCA  
 Listening to homeless women every day
- 7:10pm **Beverley Wybrow**, Community Leadership, presented by TD Bank Financial Group  
 Investing in women and girls
- 8:40pm **Jessica Yee**, Young Woman of Distinction, presented by CIBC  
 Inspiring girl-centred Sex Ed and reproductive health
- 8:50pm **Ilana Landsberg-Lewis**, International Development, presented by Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP  
 Empowering grandmothers in the global fight against AIDS
- 9:00pm **Hilary Weston**, YWCA President's Award, presented by Borden Ladner Gervais LLP  
 Modeling leadership in public and private life

YWCA Toronto is our city's trusted association by, for and about women and girls. YWCA offers over 40 programs across Toronto in the areas of housing and support, girls' and family programs, employment and skills development and advocacy. YWCA supports women at turning points in their lives.

Visit [www.womenofdistinction.ca](http://www.womenofdistinction.ca) to find out more about this year's recipients.

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