



YWCA WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS



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YWCA Women of Distinction Awards

Tonight, seven women with bold dreams and great determination will be honoured at the 31st Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards, presented by Sun Life Financial. The Awards is the YWCA's major fundraising event; money raised through ticket sales and sponsorships fund vital programs for women and girls in Toronto.

- When:** Wednesday May 18, 2011
4:30pm – Formal YWCA group photo with Award recipients
4:45pm - Media interviews and photo opportunities
5:30pm – Reception
6:00pm – Dinner and Awards
- Where:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St. W
- Who:** 2011 YWCA Women of Distinction are:
Cristina Amon, Science & Engineering
Making engineering a welcome field for women
Sherry Cooper, Corporate Leadership
Breaking ground as the first woman Chief Economist in North America
Vivian Del Valle, Community Support
Offering hope and strength to immigrant women
Elizabeth Goldberg, Law & Justice
Helping women advance in the legal profession and public service
Sophia Gran-Ruaz, Young Woman of Distinction
Providing comfort to homeless families
Joan Lesmond, Health Leadership
Strengthening nursing and public health care
Karen Takacs, Development & Advocacy
Piloting innovative programs for women and girls in Africa and South America

The Awards celebrate outstanding women who have improved the lives of women and girls.

YWCA Toronto offers programs that promote equality, economic security and lives free from violence. We offer a range of housing options, employment and training programs, community support programs, girls' programs and family programs; we also engage in systemic advocacy.

For complete biographies and more information visit: www.womenofdistinction.ca. Follow the event on Twitter at #wmninspire.

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