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Welcome to Tribute to Legacy Leadership - our look back over the past 26 years of phenomenal Legacy Honorees!

In 1994, when our foremothers envisioned this event, they were interested in uplifting leaders in our communities whose leadership, advocacy, and service embody YWCA’s mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. From business leaders to community activists to trailblazers and prominent personalities, we have recognized more than 260 Arizona leaders through our Tribute to Leadership Awards Program. When we decided that our 2021 event would be a virtual event, we felt it was the perfect moment for us to re-connect with our Legacy Honorees to bear witness to how they continue to combat inequity and injustices.

At YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix, we’re building just, equitable Arizona communities that embrace and celebrate each person’s inherent value. That’s why YWCA is collaborating with communities who are seeking justice; working in partnership to build a more free, more peaceful world. Together, we identify systemic racism and misogyny - and dismantle it.

Systemic oppression impacts every one of us. It hinders our shared goals, limits our ability to connect with each other, and prevents us from achieving equity. Racism and misogyny are injustices we face as a community, and we’ll only defeat them as a community. It is clear we cannot come together in the fight until we each embark on our own journey, internally and externally, individually and in solidarity.

From those facing marginalization and unjust barriers, to those seeking new understanding, YWCA exists to support and collaborate. For those who need direct aid and services, YWCA is here to support them through:

- Prosperity Programs - Financial literacy workshops and courses coupled with personalized and individual financial coaching for women in transition;
- Senior Programs - Home delivered and congregate meal programs, wellness checks, and socializations for seniors and adults living with disabilities in Glendale; and
- Equity Programs - Stand Against Racism, 21-Day Racial and Gender Equity Challenge, and YOU-nity Learning Circles intended to raise consciousness and awareness of racial, social, and gender justice issues.

And as a nonprofit with over 100 years of experience, we use our expertise to both advocate effectively and to amplify the voices of change-makers in our communities.

When everyone embarks with courage on the journey toward justice, whole communities come together. We’ll join them to dismantle systemic barriers wherever they arise, because only together can we build that freer and more peaceful world. Wherever you are on your own journey, we invite you to join us to do the work until the world sees women, girls, and people of color as we do: Equal. Powerful. Unstoppable.

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1994
Judge Silvia Arellano
Jana Bommersbach
Deborah Brown
Pam Del Duca
Carolyn Desjardins
Mickey DiBartholomeo
Lorraine Frank
Donna Horne
Mary Lynn Kasunic
Jannie Lathan- Maxwell
Rev. Canon McClain
Grace Voss Frederick
Dorothy Willey

1995
Joan Brainard
Linda Brock Nelson
Sharon Harper
Colleen Jennings-Roggensack
Elizabeth Lenci-Downs
Wauneta Lone Wolf
Carol Peck Ph.D
Virginia Sterling
Mary Jo West
Cecile Woodward

1996
Phyllis Biedess
Jill DeMichele
Susan Edwards
Margaret Goldman
Paula Haffin-Moore
Michele Halyard M.D
Eleanor Klein
Anita O'Riordan
Ann Smith-Hart
Susan Stephens-Groff M.D
Mary Tang

1997
Sandra Gendler Ph.D
Christine Iijima Hall Ph.D
Marjorie Kyle Ph.D
Linda Macleish-Jensen
Lucia Madrid
Muriel Magenta
Janet Napolitano
Liz Topete-Stonefield
Amy Torres
Linda Vollstedt
Annette Zaccardi

1998
Kauthar Hawkins
Virginia (Vicki) King
Mary Ann Lavin
Beth Meyer-Losh
Jadel Roe
Adrienne Scheck Ph.D
Sharon Shore
Christine Wilkinson Ph.D
Phoenix Mercury

1999
Cathy Davis
Terri Fields
Bettye Jackson
Pamela Martin
Kathleen Mitchell
Helen Osman
Clyda Jean Owen
Jean Reed Roberts
Sheryl Sculley
Russell Walker M.D

2000
Peggy Bilsten
Winifred Doane Ph.D
Gail Gesell
Marcia Hopp Newman
S.S. Sangreet Kaur Khalsa
Patsy Lowry
Carmen Martinez Franco
Catherine Mckee (Olesen)
Pat Petznick
Beverly Stewart
Charli Turner Thorne

2001
Mary Anderson Rowland
Janet Arnold (Rees)
Sharon Austerman
Betty Fairfax
Jean Fairfax
Anita Favela Luera
Linda Hunt
Janet Kizzir
Denise Meridith
Diane Rutherford
Mayor Elaine Scruggs

2002
Rochelle Balch
TJ Cohen
Judge Elizabeth Finn
Debbie Gaby
Billie Harris
Elaine Malmon Ph.D
Dr. Christine Marin Ph.D
Luz Sarmina-Gutierrez
Sue Sisley M.D
Marissa Theisen
Mary Tita

2003
Sandy Cowne Miller
Sylvia Echave Stock
Kathleen Goepfriinger Ph.D
Kathy Haake
Fatimah Halim-Washington
Kathern Lee Plenge M.D
Tammy Linn
Carol McCall
Jannah Scott
Julia Wilmot
Sister Lynn Winsor, BVM

2004
Yolanda Collazos Kizer
Rebekah Friend
Kerry Graham
Kathy Hatcher
Dana Jamison M.D
Marlene Klotz Collins
Robin Krause Blice M.D
Carrie Martz
Nancy Roach
Judge Jean Williams
Mary Wong

2005
Leslie Baxter
Deborah Carstens
JoAnn Garcia (Cruz)
Karen Hardin
Karlene Keogh
Georgia McGraw
Karie Montague
Susan Paul
Armaity Vaghaiwalla
Austin M.D
Carolyn Warner
Linda Wells

2006
Joanna DeShay
Dr. Janet G. Elsea
Christine French
Pamela Klonoff
Nona Lee
Linda McCay Pope
Jana Monroe
Stella Paolini
Marilyn Seymann Ph.D
Grace Wright

2007
Heather Cunliffe
Karen Ewing
Carol Kamin
Michelle King Robson
Kimber Lanning
Jessica Livingston
Cassandra Mason-Motz
Jewell Parker Rhodes
K Royal
Senator Kyrsten Sinema

“Use your voice as an advocate to create change in policy, access to care, connections to resources, support and protect rights, bring people together, motivate involvement and help improve the lives of others and the communities we serve.”
- Tina Brown, 2012 Honoree
2008
Randy Baca
Deborah Black
Debbie Castaldo
Malissa Geer
Virginia McIlvea
Hope Ozer
Joan Rankin Shapiro
Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell
Irene Stillwell
Karen Woodford
Diana Yazzie-Devine

2009
Laya Gavin
Saundra Johnson
Janet Mackay Burke
Deb Moore
Barbara Ralston
Marie Sullivan
Cyd West
Debra Williams
Karen Zalesky

“Be brave.
Don’t listen to that little voice that says you can’t.”
-Margaret Tyndall, Ph.D
2020 Honoree

2011
Jennifer Barnes
Karen Fletcher
Pam Gaber
Tracee Hall
Susan Kleka
Carolyn Manning
Honorable Ruth McGregor
Ann Meyers Drysdale
Frances Mills-Yerger
Nicole Stanton
Gerda Weissmann Klein

2012
Tina Brown
Karen Callahan
Carol Dahl
Dr. Regina Edwards
Diane Enos
Sue Glawe
Jodi Liggett
Darlene Newsom
Eddie Sissons
Debbie Waitkus

2013
Michael Barnard
Karen Churchard
Dean Coonrod M.D
Angela Hughey
Andy Kramer Petersen
Pat Little-Upah
Paul Luna
Pam Overton Risoleo
Jaye Perricone
Julie Sullivan
Diana Taurasi

2014
Alejandra Amarilla
Pamela Conboy
Cindy Hensley McCain
Chevy Humphrey
Karen Johnson
Martha Kuhs
Marylynn Mack
Dr. Joel Martin
Leann Silver
Honorable Roxanne Song Ong

2015
Hilary Barnes Esq
Shelly Cohn
Robbin Coulon Esq
Rachel Gutierrez
Bruce Liggett
April Osborn Ph.D
Patricia Rourke
Alice Wells
Patty White
Dana Wolfe Naimark

2016
Tracy Barne
Susan Berman
Jan Blaser-Upchurch
Ashley Bridwell
Dana Campbell Saylor
Connie Mesa

2017
Michelle Bravo
Carole Coles-Henry
Diana Gregory
Kara Kalkbrenner
Catherine Scrivano
Julie Ward

2018
Tiffany Fisher
Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick
Christy Moore
Dr. Elsie Moore Ph.D
Kathleen Pechman
Jenny Poon
Reda Riddle-Bigler
City of Phoenix
Dignity Health
Freeport McMoRan Medtronic

2019
JoEllen Caldwell
Paula Cullison
Alejandra Gomez
Annie Groth
Carrie Young
American Family Dreams Foundation
AZCREW
Cox Communications
Fry’s Food Stores/Kroger Foundation

2020
January Contreas
Amalia Luxardo
Mary Mitchell
Margaret Tyndall, Ph.D

“You are on the right track. Though people will continue to tell you what you can and cannot achieve, ignore them, you will win in the end.”
-Denise Meridith, 2001 Honoree
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