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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.**

In Solidarity,

Mavia Crimi Speth Board Chair

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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 JenningsRoggensack
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 Haflin-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 lijima Hall Ph.D Marjorie Kyle Ph.D Linda Macleish-Jensen Lucia Madrid Muriel Magenta Janet Napolitano Liz Topete-Stonefield Amy Torres Linda Vollstedt Annette Zaccari

1998

Kauthar Hawkins Virginia (Vicki) King Mary Ann Lavine Beth Meyer-Lohse 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
Russel Walker M.D

2000

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

2001

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

2002

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

2003

Sandy Cowne Miller Sylvia Echave Stock Kathleen Goeppinger 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 Hotchner Dana Jamison M.D Marlene Klotz Collins Robin Krause Blitz 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 Paull
Armaity Vaghaiwalla
Austin M.D
Carolyn Warner
Linda Wells

2006

Joanna De'Shay 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 McElyea
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

2010

Deborah Bateman Teniqua Broughton Abbie Fink Kelly Hsu M.D Sheila McInerney Norma Ory Stella Pope Duarte Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo Linda Volhein Yvonne Watterson Jeri Williams "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 Klecka 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 Kuhns MaryLynn Mack Dr. Joel Martin Leon 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 Bame Susan Berman Jan Blaser-Upchurch Ashley Bridwell Dana Campbell Saylor Connie Mesa

2018

Tiffany Fisher
Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick
Christy Moore
Dr. Elsie Moore Ph.D
Kathleen Pechman
Jenny Poon
Reda Riddle-Bigler
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"Do not look to others to validate your worth. Recognize your value and carry it with you always." -Deborah Bateman, 2010 Honoree

2017

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

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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