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**YWCA OF NIAGARA**

**2010 NIAGARA AWARDS: A TRIBUTE TO WOMEN**

Dear Friend of the YWCA:

The Board of Directors of the YWCA of Niagara is pleased to announce that the annual Niagara Awards: *A Tribute to Women* dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at 6 p.m. at the Conference Center Niagara Falls, 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The Niagara Awards dinner, established by the board in 1997 as its major fundraiser, is the only event that publicly recognizes and honors women across Niagara County who make significant contributions to their communities specific to the YWCA's mission of empowering women and eliminating racism.

We invite you to nominate women who are employed, self-employed, live, worship or volunteer in Niagara County as candidates to receive one of seven Niagara Awards that will be presented at the dinner in the categories of Education, Entrepreneur, Front Line, Health and Human Services, Management, Public Service, and Youth. A Lifetime Achievement Award will also be presented to a woman selected and announced in advance of the dinner.

In past years, candidates were thrilled to be nominated and recognized for their achievements and to share the recognition with their employers, friends and families. All nominees will be recognized at the dinner and their photographs will appear in local media as well as in the event program. Please note that there is no nomination fee and nominees will be our guests at the dinner.

Enclosed is information regarding the criteria for nomination and instructions for completing the nomination form and narrative, which may be duplicated if you wish to nominate more than one woman. Completed nomination materials must be returned to the YWCA of Niagara by July 15, 2009. If you have any questions about the Niagara Awards, please contact the YWCA at 716-433-6714.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will join us on September 28, 2010, for the 2010 Niagara Awards: *A Tribute to Women* dinner.

Sincerely,

**Kathleen A. Granchelli**

**CEO YWCA Niagara**

**Jane Schroeder, Co-Chair**

**Flora McKenzie, Co-Chair**

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# **2010 NIAGARA AWARDS: A TRIBUTE TO WOMEN** **Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***What is the Niagara Awards: A Tribute to Women?***

The Niagara Awards was established by the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Niagara in 1997 as a fundraiser to publicly recognize and honor women who make significant contributions to the Niagara County community. All women nominated for one of the seven award categories will be recognized at the dinner and their pictures will appear in local press articles and the event program. The recipients in each of the award categories will be announced at the dinner. A recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award will be publicly announced in advance of the dinner and presented at the dinner.

### ***What are the criteria for nominating women for the Niagara Awards?***

Women nominated should be those who have consistently demonstrated through their employment, self-employment, volunteer service, or lifestyle an outstanding commitment to the mission of the YWCA—the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism—in one of the following awards categories:

- **EDUCATION AWARD**—Women who are involved at any level of education, including religious or community, in any position, including superintendent, principal, teacher, teachers' aide, college dean, assistant dean, professor, assistant professor, instructor, teaching assistant, professional staff, etc.
- **ENTREPRENEUR AWARD**—Women who are proprietors and managers of their own companies.
- **FRONT LINE AWARD**--Women who are support personnel, such as receptionists, sales associates, clerical workers, secretaries, bookkeepers, administrative assistants, cashiers, bank tellers, and customer service representatives.
- **MANAGEMENT AWARD**—Women who are top executives and/or officers of corporations, businesses, non-profit organizations, directors, supervisors, and managers.
- **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AWARD**—Women who serve as health care providers, case managers, nurses, physicians, social workers, etc.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**—Women who serve in the public sector; including elected officials, community volunteers, etc.
- **YOUTH AWARD**—Young women under 18 years of age who demonstrate remarkable leadership skills and/or serve as a role model for other young women.

### ***Are previous nominees eligible?***

Yes. Many organizations and individuals choose to honor a co-worker or friend more than once. Previous nominees are eligible, but previous Niagara Award recipients, YWCA Board of Directors, YWCA Board of Trustees, YWCA employees and Niagara Awards Committee members are not eligible for nomination.

### ***What is the nomination procedure?***

Nominators must submit a separate nomination packet for each nomination by July 15, 2009. Faxes cannot be accepted. Forms may also be downloaded at the YWCA of Niagara Web site at [www.ywcaniagara.org](http://www.ywcaniagara.org) and click on the Niagara Awards link. **Forms may NOT be returned electronically. There is no nomination fee.**

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**Frequently Asked Questions continued**

***How are award recipients selected?***

Award recipients will be selected by the Niagara Awards Selection Committee based on the nomination form and narrative.

***When are the nominations due?***

Nominations must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2009.

***Can copies of the nomination materials be used?***

Yes. Copies of the forms will be accepted, however, original signatures are required where indicated.

***When is the Niagara Awards Dinner?***

The 2010 Niagara Awards: *A Tribute to Women* will be held Tuesday, September 28, 2009, at 6 p.m. at The Conference Center Niagara Falls, 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Dinner tickets are \$75 (nominees are complimentary) and can be obtained by calling the YWCA at 716-433-6714. Patron tables at a cost of \$750 (10 seats) and award sponsorships are available.



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### 2010 NIAGARA AWARDS: A TRIBUTE TO WOMEN NOMINATION FORM

Please review the criteria noted above and complete the nomination form and narrative as accurately as possible in the allotted space. With the exception of sole proprietors, someone other than the honoree should complete the nomination form.

#### Nominee Information

Indicate award category (select more than one, if applicable):

- Education
- Entrepreneur
- Front Line
- Health and Human Services
- Management
- Public Service
- Youth

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Job title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominator Information

Nominator is:  Representative of a company  Representative of an organization

Individual

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Representative of \_\_\_\_\_

Position/title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **NOMINATION NARRATIVE**

In the space provided, indicate why this individual should be considered for a YWCA Niagara Award, in the category or categories selected above, by providing detailed responses to the criteria listed below. If additional space is needed, please limit the narrative to a maximum of two double-spaced typewritten pages, using a standard sized font and margin width. If available, a resume may also be submitted with the nomination materials, however, selection for the awards will be based on the narrative.

**Criteria: How have the actions of this individual consistently demonstrated through her employment, self-employment, volunteer service, or lifestyle a commitment to the empowerment of women and/or the elimination of racism in her community?**

Please review the nomination form and narrative to ensure that all information is complete and submit by **July 16, 2010**, to:

**2010 Niagara Awards: *A Tribute to Women***

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