



**leader luncheon information**

Since 1984, the YWCA Elgin has celebrated the achievements of our area leaders with the annual Leader Luncheon. Leader Luncheon provides business, industry, and other community organizations with an opportunity to honor women and non-binary volunteers and employees by recognizing their leadership and contributions. For more information, call (847) 742-7930.

**Thursday, May 11, 2023**  
**The Seville • 700 Barrington Road • Streamwood**  
**Reception at 11:00 a.m. & Luncheon at 12:00 noon**  
**\$60 per YWCA member • \$65 per non-member • \$1,350 Leader Circle Tables**

**nomination information**

You are invited to nominate individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership, achievement, and contributions to our community. Nominations may be made by an individual, a business or an organization. Women and non-binary individuals nominated in past years may be re-nominated. No YWCA staff or board member may nominate or be nominated. Posthumous nominations are not allowed.

**DEADLINE:** All nomination forms must be submitted by midnight on Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Mail to: YWCA Leader Luncheon, 220 East Chicago Street, Elgin, IL 60120 and **include nominee's portrait** (*portrait should be emailed to info@ywcaelgin.org and will be used for the YWCA website, recipient booklet and the day of the event.*)

**selection process**

The Awards Recipients will be selected by a panel of independent judges. The names of the recipients are announced at the Leader Luncheon. All nominees attending will be introduced and receive a certificate of recognition.

**award descriptions and criteria**

**The Individual Leader Awards are named for area women who have made significant contributions in each award category.**

**Margaret Hillis Award for the Arts**

Nationally renowned Margaret Hillis was the conductor of the Chicago Symphony Chorus for 14 years, music director of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra and a winner of numerous Grammy Awards.

**Beatrice Dorsey Award for Business & Professions**

A successful local businesswoman for 44 years, Beatrice Dorsey forged the way for other women entering business and professions.

**Marguerite Henry Award for Communications & Technology**

Author of more than 50 books, many of them children's classics, Marguerite Henry received many prestigious national and international literary awards.

**Harriet Gifford and Hattie Griffin Award for Education**

An educator, Harriet Gifford established the first school in Elgin in 1836 at the edge of the early American frontier, laying the foundation for later educational systems. Co-founder of the YWCA Elgin, Hattie Griffin was an educator for over 50 years.

**Myrtle Spiegler Gerberding Award for Public Service**

As the first woman to assume the position of City Clerk of Elgin and designer of the city flag, Myrtle paved the way for women to actively participate in the field of public service.

**Betty Brown Award for Racial Justice**

As a community leader and activist, Betty Brown laid the ground work for the earliest racial equality movements in Elgin, IL.

**Marie Grolich Award for Social Services**

An executive director for the YWCA of Elgin for 20 years, Marie Grolich spearheaded many new and innovative social programs benefitting the entire community.

**Marjorie Leonard Award for Volunteer & Community Service**

As a volunteer and humanitarian, Marjorie Leonard gave countless hours to many individuals, civic organizations and social agencies.

*2022 Leader Luncheon Award Recipients*



Ivette De Santiago, Arts; Sheri De Shazo, Business & Professions; Mary Dulabaum, Communications & Technology; Cathy Taylor, Education; Heidi Holthusen, Public Service; Brittney Nicole Walker, Racial Justice; Sister Leticia M. Lapid, OSF, Social Services; and Mary Jo Sheehy, Volunteer & Community Service.

**The award criteria for each category are:**

- Significant level of achievement in the category
- Demonstrated qualities of leadership
- Holding past or current leadership positions in the category
- Demonstrated commitment to excellence
- Outstanding or innovative contribution in the category
- Achievement which has made improvements in the specific profession, business, or service

**ywca elgin mission statement**

YWCA Elgin is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.



## former leader luncheon award recipients

### lifetime achievement award

2003 Myrtle Spiegler Gerberding  
2013 Marlene Shales  
2014 Myra Becker

### the arts

1984 Jane Chipman  
1985 Lisa Boehm  
1986 Eileen McNichol  
1987 Rowena Swan  
1988 Marcene Linstrom  
1989 Clare Ollayos  
1990 Donna Burnidge  
1991 Molly Konitzer  
1992 Mary Rauscher  
1993 Lamar Blum  
1994 Ethel Daeumer  
1995 Phyllis Ziegler  
1996 Edith Fitts  
1997 Shirley Friedman  
1998 Rose Goldstein  
1999 Suzanne Smentowski  
2000 Florence Jacobsen  
2001 Pearle Brody  
2002 Muma Hansemann  
2003 Lila Jean Keltner  
2004 Lois R. Myers-Bauer  
2005 Julie Ford  
2006 Mary Ellen Kanies Beckmann  
2007 Kathy Matthews  
2008 Jeanne Hebeisen  
2009 Joyce Dlugopolski  
2010 Rosalind Zager  
2011 Mary Hatch  
2012 Wilma Booth  
2013 Risé Jones  
2014 Solange Sior  
2015 Sandra Kaptain  
2016 Erin Rehberg  
2017 Dr. Sojung Hong  
2018 Amanda Harris  
2019 Jane Erlandson  
2021 Courtney Garcia  
2022 Ivette De Santiago

### business & professions

1984 Kay Martin  
1985 Lois Lange  
1986 Susan Cincinelli  
1987 Pat Sjurseth  
1988 Pam Jensen  
1989 Madalena J. Vignocchi  
1990 Darcy Dougherty  
1991 Patricia Piper Golden  
1992 Margo Quick  
1993 Diana Miller  
1994 Margarita Manzano  
1995 Nancy Epping  
1996 Monica Bates  
1997 Jane Craddock Ryan  
1998 Bonnie Hill  
1999 Jo Ann Armenta  
2000 Rhonda Pokoj  
2001 Lisa West  
2002 Lynn Schwartz  
2003 Liz Wilmes  
2004 Karena Schwarz  
2005 Judith Brownfield  
2006 Marcelle Bear  
2007 Carolyn Kirk-Likou  
2008 Kathy Hannell  
2009 Pamela A. Urbanski  
2010 Merrie Derderian  
2011 Carole Meda  
2012 Traci Ellis  
2013 Linda Deering  
2014 Cheryl Wendt  
2015 Dorothea Poulos, M.D.  
2016 Katherine Hurt  
2017 Carol Gieske  
2018 V. Guadalupe Fonseca  
2019 Mary Martini  
2021 Oletha Johnson

2022 Sheri De Shazo

### communications & technology

1984 Fern Risley  
1985 Elizabeth Armistead  
1986 Carole Akemann  
1987 Marianne Nelson  
1988 Betty Brown  
1989 Patricia M. Szpekowski  
1990 Betty Mahoney  
1991 LaNee Pfeiffer  
1992 Kathy Woodman  
1993 Marilyn Figgins  
1994 Bernice Rabe  
1995 Laura Carillo Barth  
1996 Alice McCoy  
1997 Debbie Wodrich  
1998 Donna Lee Grimmer  
1999 M. Ruth Tofanelli  
2000 Diane Marie Stredde  
2001 Bobbie Waschow  
2002 Kathaleen Roberts  
2003 Fay Dadzie  
2004 Paula Amenta  
2005 Gail Shadwell  
2006 Carolyn O'Neal  
2007 Vicki Kirkland  
2008 Heather J. Gates  
2009 Denise Raleigh  
2010 Susan Salach-Cutler  
2011 Tonya Hudson  
2012 Krisilee Murphy  
2013 Kimberly Gilmore  
2014 Corinn Hilbert  
2015 Kari Christensen  
2016 Molly Center  
2017 Toya Webb  
2018 Angelene Garcia  
2019 Natalie Kiburg  
2021 Susan Anderson-Khleif  
2022 Mary Dulabaum

### education

1984 Edna Holland  
1985 Marilyn Pounders  
1986 Susan Moylan  
1987 Mary Anne Stiegemeier  
1988 Sister Annella  
1989 Linda M. Hanson  
1990 Ruth Tofanelli  
1991 Gayle Saunders Starwalt  
1992 Judith Pavlak  
1993 Renate Matthaues  
1994 Barbara Juister  
1995 Elizabeth Juergensmeyer  
1996 Sharyl Marie Butzirus  
1997 Susan Thompson  
1998 Linda Hefferin  
1999 Annabelle Rhoades  
2000 Carol Morrison  
2001 Eleanor MacKinney  
2002 Dorothy Wiese  
2003 Margaret Brady  
2004 Barbara Bonner  
2005 Jean Bowen  
2006 Peggy Deichstetter  
2007 Glenna Godinsky  
2008 Roberta Nauman  
2009 Donna Schuring Redmer  
2010 Connie Orbeta  
2011 Risé Jones  
2012 Jill Russell  
2013 Carole Peto  
2014 Holly York  
2015 Deborah Perryman  
2016 Rebecca Jurs  
2017 Kathleen Rusniak  
2018 Christen Sundquist  
2019 Dr. Ushma Shah  
2021 Susan Timm Ed.D.  
2022 Cathy Taylor

### public service

2003 Marie Yearman

2004 Donna Anderson  
2005 Clare M. Ollayos, D.C.  
2006 Billie D. Roth  
2007 Loni Mecum  
2008 Nancy Rohr  
2009 Ruth Munson  
2010 Jackie Tredup  
2011 Janet Poyner  
2012 Maria Cumpata  
2013 Susan Harney  
2014 Mary Camacho  
2015 Cristina Castro  
2016 Miriam Anderson Lytle  
2017 Ana Lalley  
2018 Eira L. Sepúlveda  
2019 Kim Wascher  
2021 Farrah Qazi  
2022 Heidi Holthusen

### racial justice award

1998 Sylvia Murphy Williams  
2000 Mary Vickers  
2001 Sandra Buchheit  
2002 Judy Jobe  
2003 Phyllis Folarin  
2004 Audrey Reed  
2005 Mary Wheeler-West  
2006 Lilia Feliciano  
2007 Mary Ann Stephens  
2008 Adriana Carpio de Palma  
2009 Danise Habun  
2010 Andrea Fiebig  
2011 Helen Lopez Strom  
2012 Joyce Fountain  
2013 Kimberly Spagui  
2014 Maria Christina "Tina" Viglucci  
2015 Jane "Juanita" Barbosa  
2016 Angelene Naw  
2017 Danielle Henson  
2018 Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein  
2019 Paola Velasquez  
2021 Reina Franco  
2022 Brittney Nicole Walker

### social services

1984 Pat Wasmond  
1985 Joan Berna  
1986 Gretchen Vapnar  
1987 Peggy Muetterties  
1988 Elayne Pappas  
1989 Joanne Nesler  
1990 Sandra Freeman  
1991 Carol K. Gieske  
1992 Elizabeth Rice  
1993 Nora K. Miller  
1994 Cindy Ciancio  
1995 Christine Tredup  
1996 Adella Bedwell Wells  
1997 Karen Beyer  
1998 Sister June Does  
1999 Lillian Dixon  
2000 Julie Lichtenberg  
2001 Dorothy Yeoman  
2002 Carol Elias  
2003 Mary Kae Hoffman  
2004 Jane Kimball  
2005 Nancy Pudelwitts  
2006 JoAnn Stingley  
2007 Kathy Fox  
2008 Shelley Wasmond Lewis  
2009 Amybeth Maurer  
2010 Connie Patino  
2011 Siobhan Cottone  
2012 Kathy Hazelwood  
2013 Marlene Pokorny  
2014 Dr. Mae Hicks-Jones  
2015 Maureen Manning-Rosenfeld  
2016 Karen Oswald  
2017 Vivian Maly  
2018 Dr. Kimberly Schellin-Rog  
2019 Lea Conrad  
2021 Janeth Barba  
2022 Sr. Leticia M. Lapid, OSF

### volunteer & community service

1984 Carol Harwood  
1985 Barbara Belding  
1986 Jackie Pierce  
1987 Nancy Burnidge  
1988 Sue Rakow  
1989 Betty Marie Allen  
1990 Cheri Lee Lewis  
1991 Margaret E. Kenyon  
1992 Jean Muntz  
1993 Marlene Shales  
1994 Taffy Hoffer  
1995 Mary Jane Arnold  
1996 Marianne Nelson  
1997 Janet Thietje  
1998 Ann Warner  
1999 Kathe Pava  
2000 Caren C. Nickelsen  
2001 Laura Anderson  
2002 Janine Kirkland  
2003 Lena Schefflow  
2004 Laurel Bault  
2005 Dana Vierck  
2006 Jeanette Mihalec  
2007 Ronell DeLoncker  
2008 Sheri Darmon  
2009 Susan Angell-Case  
2010 Elizabeth Hoeft  
2011 Sigi Psimenos  
2012 Donna Askins  
2013 Deanna Young  
2014 Patricia Harkin  
2015 Deirdre Higgins White  
2016 Catherine Olson  
2017 Karen Schock  
2018 Joann Hartmann  
2019 Carri Laird  
2021 Pam Eggum  
2022 Mary Jo Sheehy

### corporate award

1984 Church of the Brethren  
General Offices  
1985 Elgin Community College  
1986 Sherman Hospital  
1987 First National Bank of Elgin  
1988 St. Joseph Hospital  
1989 Lampronix Inc.  
1990 Elgin Community College  
1991 Elgin Area Services  
1992 First Card  
1993 NBD Bank of Elgin  
1994 Target Greatland &  
Community Crisis Center  
1995 Jayne Shover Easter Seal  
Rehabilitation Center  
1996 Oak Crest Residence  
1997 K-40 Electronics  
1998 Hines & Associates  
1999 The Learning Tree  
2000 Home Federal Savings  
2001 The Early Education Station  
2002 Steffen, Kelly & Steffen  
2003 Total Home Health  
2004 EFS Bank  
2005 School District U-46  
2006 Judson College's  
2207 AIM Internship Program  
2008 Gail Borden Library  
2009 Greater Elgin Family Care Center  
2010 Plante Moran  
2011 First Community Bank  
& Habitat for Humanity of the NFV  
2013 Bear Family McDonald's Restaurant  
2014 Elgin Community College  
2015 Little Angels Center for Exceptional Care  
2016 Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra  
2018 Grand Victoria Casino  
2019 City of Elgin

## 2023 nomination form

Nominations can be made online at <https://bit.ly/Nominate23> or by completing this form. If this form is used, please submit your nomination to the YWCA Elgin by emailing it to [info@ywcaelgin.org](mailto:info@ywcaelgin.org) or by mailing it to YWCA Elgin, 220 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, IL 60120.

***A SAMPLE LEADER LUNCHEON NOMINATION IS AVAILABLE AT [www.ywcaelgin.org](http://www.ywcaelgin.org)***

### Part I.

**category** (*Check the category of the award for which this nomination is being made.*)

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Education      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Professions      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer & Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications & Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Racial Justice |  |

### Part II.

#### nominee profile

Nominee's Full Name (as the nominee wishes it to appear in print)\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Pronouns (circle one):      she/her/her's                      they/them/theirs

Home Address\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone\_\_\_\_\_e-mail\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Occupation/Profession (employed or volunteer)\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor (as the sponsor would like it to appear in print)\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (if the sponsor is not an individual)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_e-mail\_\_\_\_\_

### Part III.

#### narrative

**Directions:** Please respond briefly to the following statements and attach to this Nomination Form. Submissions must be at least one full 8½”x11” sheet of paper and are not to exceed four sheets of 8½”x11” paper (one side only). No additional attachments are allowed. Use award criteria as your guide. Place nominee’s name on each sheet of paper, number responses and use readable (12pt.) font.

1. Describe how you have known or worked with the nominee.
2. List the significant achievements of the nominee in the named category.
3. List past or present positions of leadership or responsibility.
4. Describe qualities of leadership demonstrated by the nominee.
5. Describe how this person has demonstrated a commitment to excellence.
6. Explain how the nominee made an outstanding or innovative contribution in the category.
7. In 70 words or less provide important accomplishments that support your nominee being chosen as the 2023 award recipient in their category. This will be used on the website and at the event.

### Part IV.

#### nominee portrait

Nominee portraits need to be emailed to [info@ywcaelgin.org](mailto:info@ywcaelgin.org). In the subject line of the email please indicate that it is a Leader Luncheon Nominee Portrait and include the name of the nominee.

### Checklist

***Please have the nominee review their nomination before it is submitted.***

**A complete nomination should include:**

- Part I.** Category Identification
- Part II.** Nominee Profile
- Part III.** Narrative (***NOTE—Narratives exceeding four pages or less than one full page will not be judged***)
- Part IV.** Nominee Portrait (portrait should be emailed to [info@ywcaelgin.org](mailto:info@ywcaelgin.org))