



15th Annual

YWomen Leadership *Celebration & Gala*

2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Saturday, October 5, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago - North Shore | Skokie, IL

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*A **woman** alone has **power**,
women **together** have impact.
That's what **YWomen** is all about.*



Event Details

15th Annual YWomen Leadership Celebration & Gala Saturday, October 5, 2024 | 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago – North Shore
9599 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, IL

Join us in making this year's YWomen Leadership Celebration & Gala the most impactful yet, featuring special highlights and exciting surprises to commemorate our 15th 'Ruby' Anniversary. Together, we can uplift voices, support vital programs, and inspire change!

YWomen is a cornerstone in the North Shore community, celebrating outstanding women leaders and their contributions to advancing YWCA's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. This year, **YWomen will focus on the critical issue of domestic violence** with a masquerade theme to honor the many faces and diverse experiences of survivors. As one of the North Shore area's largest comprehensive domestic violence programs, we must continue to raise awareness, educate the community, and provide vital funding and resources.

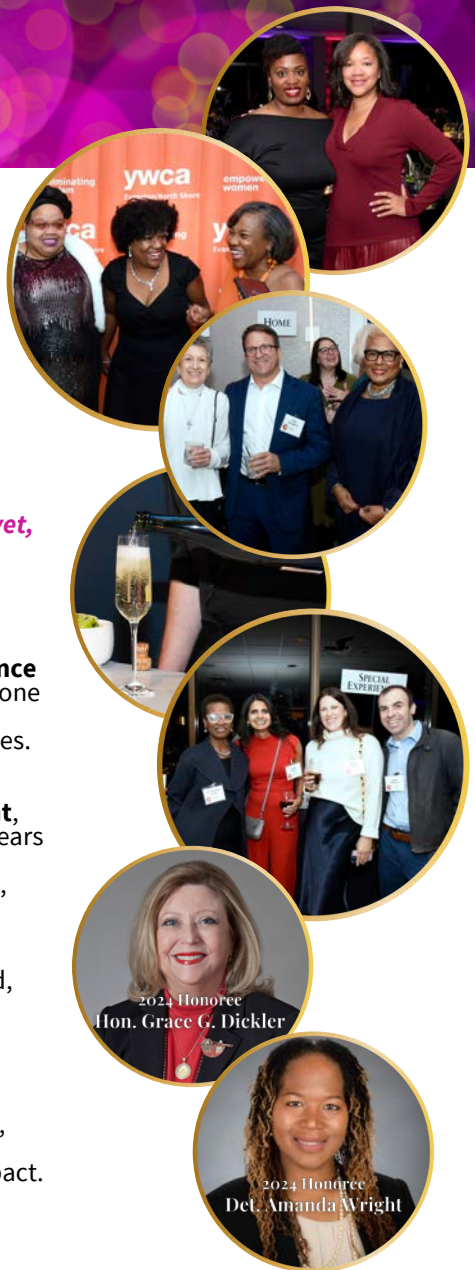
2024 HONOREES

This year's honorees, The **Honorable Grace G. Dickler (Ret.)** and **Detective Amanda Wright**, have been instrumental in the fight against domestic violence. Judge Dickler, with over 30 years on the Cook County bench, has led significant reforms that enhanced equity and access to justice for survivors. Detective Wright, known for her compassionate and effective approach, has dedicated her career to supporting survivors in Evanston, advocating for victims, and building a comprehensive support network.

We will also uplift and celebrate the work of YWCA Evanston/North Shore's trauma-informed, comprehensive **Domestic Violence Program**, and hear from this year's Young Women of Promise honoree, a standout from Evanston Township High School.

Event Highlights Include:

- **Inspiring Program:** A powerful conversation, moderated by event emcee Sarah Malone, where attendees will hear from YWomen honorees who are making significant strides in domestic violence and learn more about YWCA's domestic violence program and its impact.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect, share, and learn with like-minded community members who are passionate about eliminating racism and empowering women.
- **Memorable Experience:** Enjoy an evening of celebration, meaningful conversations, entertainment, and impactful storytelling.



About YWomen

Each year at our YWomen Leadership Celebration & Gala, YWCA Evanston/North Shore recognizes and celebrates women leaders in our community for their commitment to women's empowerment, racial justice, and social change.

Since its premiere in 2008, we have honored 36 remarkable women and seven powerful organizations. Each year, we are inspired by the activism embodied in the women we honor.

YWomen has grown into a highly anticipated event, drawing a diverse audience from across the North Shore and Chicagoland area. Awards are presented to women who, through research, activism, education, or creative expression, have improved the lives of women and addressed racial inequities.

To learn more, visit ywca-ens.org/ywomen.

Why Sponsor

Visibility: Gain exposure to a large and engaged audience of over 250 community leaders, business professionals, and philanthropists.

Impact: Your support directly contributes to our vital programs and services that address domestic violence, promote racial justice, and empower women and families.

Alignment: Partnering with YWCA aligns your brand with a respected organization committed to social justice, equity, and community well-being.

Benefits: Enjoy unique opportunities for recognition, including prominent logo placement, mentions in promotional materials, and tickets to the event.



2024 YWomen Sponsorship Levels



RUBY Sponsor - \$25,000 | *Ruby sponsors ignite women's empowerment with passion and strength, reflecting the ruby's vibrant, fiery essence.*

- "Presented by" event recognition with logo/name on event and promotional materials including but not limited to event webpage and registration site, email and print invitations, press release, social media, as well as night of print materials.
- Verbal and visual recognition during the event program
- Speaking opportunity from podium during event
- (1) Table which includes (10) individual tickets for event
- Personalized table number with logo or name listing



SAPPHIRE Sponsor - \$15,000 | *Sapphire sponsors champion women's wisdom and integrity, embodying the sapphire's timeless elegance.*

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EMERALD Sponsor - \$10,000 | *Emerald sponsors nurture growth and renewal, mirroring the emerald's lush energy.*

- Sponsor recognition with logo/name on event and promotional materials including the event webpage and registration site, press release, as well as night of event materials.
- Verbal and visual recognition during the event program
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AMETHYST Sponsor - \$5,000 | *Amethyst sponsors inspire clarity and courage, symbolizing the amethyst's serene influence.*

- Sponsor recognition with logo/name on event and promotional materials including the event webpage and registration site, press release, as well as night of event materials.
- Visual recognition during the event program
- (1) Table which includes (10) individual tickets for event
- Personalized table number with logo or name listing



TOPAZ Sponsor - \$2,500 | *Topaz sponsors uplift and inspire, capturing topaz's warm radiance.*

- Visual recognition during the event program
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Interested in becoming a YWomen Sponsor?

Here's how to get started:



Complete the Sponsor Commitment Form

This is an easy online option for sponsors who already know their commitment level.



STEP 1:

Visit bit.ly/ywomen24sponsor or scan the QR code to the left.

STEP 2:

Complete the online form, including selecting the sponsor level and package you would like, uploading your logo, and indicating how you want to pay for the sponsorship.

- **New this year!** We've made paying even easier with an online option. If you select "**pay online**" as your preferred payment type on the commitment form, you will receive follow-up communication with instructions and a link to pay online.

STEP 3:

After completing the online form, we will follow up to confirm receipt of your sponsor commitment, payment terms, and next steps.

OR



Questions? Let's connect!

Want to learn more about this event to help identify which sponsor package is the best fit for your organization and it's goals?

We'd love to hear from you!

PLEASE CONTACT:

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Thank you for your support!

Proceeds from YWomen support YWCA Evanston/North Shore's programs and services, including comprehensive domestic violence services, financial literacy training, and education in the areas of violence prevention and racial justice. The funds raised and the connections made help us continue to grow YWCA's important work and we thank you for your support!

Past YWomen Honorees

2023 Honorees: Robin Rue Simmons, Tosha Wilson (YW Tech Lab), and Celeste Gaytan-Cabrera (Young Women of Promise)

October 2022: Karen Singer (YWCA E/NS CEO 2004-2023), and Mallanah Jones (Young Women of Promise)

Spring 2022 Honorees: Marjorie Craig Benton and Nadine Naber

2019 Honorees: Sekile Nzinga-Johnson, Alpana Singh, and Cynthia Hartwig (Young Women of Promise)

2018 Honorees: Vicky Dinges, Gloria Bond Clunie, and Kelley Cambry (Young Women of Promise)

2017 – YWomen 10th Anniversary Celebration

Premiered a film by filmmaker Susan Hope Engel to recognize the 70th anniversary of the founding of YWCA Evanston/North Shore

2016 Honorees: Julie Smolyansky, Evonda Thomas-Smith, and Amita Lonial (Young Women of Promise)

2015 Honorees: Sunny Fischer, Delores Holmes, and Blair Brettschneider (Young Women of Promise)

2014 Honorees: Gail M. Vierneisel, Mary Morten, Kourtney Cockrell, and the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center



[Click here](#) or go to ywca-ens.org/ywomen to learn more and watch past honoree films

2013 Honorees: Mercedes Fernandez, Alaka Wali, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

2012 Honorees: Alice Tregay, Kaethe Morris Hoffer, Elizabeth Stanton, and North Shore Youth Health Service

2011 Honorees: Ahlam Ahmed Mahmoud, Ann Feldman, PhD, Precious Wright, and Project Keshar

2010 Honorees: Bernice Weissbourd, Celeste Watkins, PhD, Courtney Wright, and the Evanston Women's History Project

2009 Honorees | Dorothy Roberts, Pushpika Freitas, Ebony Joy, and the Junior League of Evanston-North Shore

2008 Honorees | Fay Clayton, Cheryl Johnson-Odim, Ph.D., Aracely Canchola, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Your sponsorship of YWomen helps support YWCA E/NS programs and initiatives including:

- **Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence** - YWCA offers a full range of support services to residents of our shelter and longer-term housing as well as to those in the community who have experienced or are living with abuse. These services include: a 24-Hour Crisis Line, legal advocacy at District Two Courthouse in Skokie, counseling for adults and children, affordable housing support, financial education, and workforce training and employment assistance.
- **Building Healthy Relationships** - a relationship violence prevention curriculum designed to give young people the social-emotional skills they need to treat one another with respect, stop bullying, and prevent violence.
- **Community Engagement** - Forums and events, including Race Against Hate, Unite Against Racism, and keynote expert discussions, which offer individuals the opportunity to come together around current issues of racial justice.
- **Becoming Equitable Institutions (BEI)** - Our Equity Institute delivers customized equity consultations for businesses and organizations to assess all aspects of the workplace—recruitment, hiring, employee engagement, client experience, HR policies, and more—through an equity lens, complete with action plans, custom training, and follow-up evaluation.
- **Alternatives to Violence** - 26-week learning and education group for men who have caused harm that provides the opportunity and skills to change the behavior, beliefs, and attitudes that support their use of violence against intimate partners.
- **40-Hour Domestic Violence Training** - YWCA E/NS is an approved ICDVP training site for 40-hour domestic violence training that provides a solid base of knowledge for anyone working with individuals affected by domestic violence using a trauma-informed lens.
- **Equity Training and Workshops** - Racial equity trainings for groups and individuals who want to deepen their understanding of equity and learn actions they can take to level the playing field.
- **Comprehensive Sex Education** - students learn about consent and determine their boundaries in a neutral environment, empowering them to gain the knowledge, confidence, and communication skills to make healthy relationship choices and seek support if a relationship is harmful.