On Friday, April 29th, YWCA Great Falls will host the 30th Annual Salute to Women Awards honoring women of achievement and distinction in our community. Honorees are recognized for supporting the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowering women as well as for their contributions to their professions, areas of interest, community, or the well-being of society.

This year’s event will feature entertainment at The Newberry, and will be better than ever! Awards for 2022 will be given to exceptional women, including one Young Woman of Tomorrow (an honoree under the age of 21), and one Sheila Rice Lifetime Achievement Award (an honoree recognized for their life's work) at a celebratory evening at The Newberry.

Please nominate women who have demonstrated notable activities, accomplishments and contributions in some or all of the following areas:

- Contribute to eliminating racism in our neighborhoods.
- Contribute to empowering women in our community.
- Exhibit courage, creativity, competence, originality or perseverance.
- Improve the quality of life for others.

Recent Salute to Women Honorees:

2018
Mackenzie George
Courtney Cowgill
Mary Papoulis
Kathryn Van Tighem
Annie Brown
Tonya Rolando
Sheila Rice

2019
Miranda Murray
Heather Palermo
Laura Wight
Keely Baker
Jennie Gresham
Dr. Debra Garrity
Tammy Yaeger Lacey

2021
Joan Redeen
Keely Ronish
Candice English
Megan Schmidt
Kristy Pontent-Stroop
Katie Cunningham
Carol Juneau

Nominations are welcome from all members of the community. Nominees need not be members of the YWCA. Honorees will be chosen by an impartial selection committee, comprised of volunteers from the community who are independent of the YWCA and its sponsors.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 18, 2022, 5 P.M.

Nominations should be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope to:
YWCA Salute to Women Selection Committee
220 2nd Street North
Great Falls, MT 59401
SALUTE TO WOMEN NOMINATION

Nominee’s Name
Home Address
Business Address
Home Phone
Business Phone
E-mail Address

Your (Nominator) Name, Address, Phone Number, Email

Please provide the following information about your nominee.

- *Provide a summary* answering the following questions. When answering, please reference how the nominee has volunteered in the community, brought people together, and demonstrated leadership qualities. Answers should be succinct and brief.
  - Briefly describe how the nominee advocates to *eliminate racism*.
  - Briefly describe how the nominee works to *empower women*.
  - Please provide any additional *notable activities and accomplishments* of your nominee. (Accomplishments are defined as awards, special recognitions, degrees, diplomas, certifications, or perseverance, e.g. overcoming obstacles, maintaining sobriety, leaving a domestic abuse situation.)

- *Provide two support letters*. Or, alternatively, a personal testimony can be provided that is recorded by phone or in person and no longer than 5 minutes in length.

- **Total nomination packet should not exceed 7 pages.**

The event is held the evening of Friday, April 29, 2022 at The Newberry in Great Falls. Please be mindful of the honoree’s availability to attend and be recognized. If your honoree is selected, we will connect you with a liaison who will provide details on a biographical statement and photos that need to be provided in advance of the event, and details on tickets.

The information provided will be evaluated in the sole and final discretion of an impartial Selection Committee. **YWCA board members and staff are ineligible for nomination.** A new nomination package must be submitted for subsequent nominations. Nomination packages will remain property of the YWCA and will not be returned to you. Please keep a copy for your records. For further information, please call YWCA Great Falls at (406) 452-1315.
Below are the scoring criteria that will be used when reviewing nomination packets. It is not required for honorees to have evidence in all these areas; instead they will be awarded one point per area of experience.

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<td>Brings diverse groups of people together to learn about race related issues.</td>
<td>Advocates at a local level for causes that seek to promote racial equality.</td>
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<td>Creates a climate that promotes non-judgmental, reflective listening and personal engagement to develop trust.</td>
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<td>Works to achieve equal opportunities for all people.</td>
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