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**SEEKING COMMITTED, INNOVATIVE, AND INSPIRING WOMEN!  
Call for nominations for the 2017 Women of Distinction Awards**

**Montreal, January 31, 2017**— Do you know a woman who has made a positive and long-lasting impact on our society? Introduce her to the rest of the world by nominating her for one of the Women of Distinction Awards given out by the Women's Y Foundation of Montreal.

The Women's Y Foundation of Montreal has presented these unique awards for the last 24 years. This year, in addition to the YWCA Montreal Coup de Coeur Award and the Inspiration Award, women will be honoured in seven categories. The aim of the Women of Distinction Awards is to acknowledge women's role in advancing our society by celebrating women who, through their commitment and achievements in different spheres of activity, have had a positive and long-lasting impact on society. The event is also a way to support YWCA Montreal in its mission to help build a better world for women and girls. The 2017 laureates will be announced in May and the award ceremony will take place on September 26, during the Women of Distinction Awards benefit evening. This gala event is a grand occasion for meetings and inspiring discussions that brings together over 500 people every year. Proceeds are used to support the programs and services of YWCA Montreal.

Over the last 23 years, no less than 260 recipients have proudly passed the torch from generation to generation in their respective categories. Last year, we honoured the impact, innovation, inspiration, and commitment of our laureates, including the rapper Koriass, who received the Inspirational Man Award for his support for the feminist cause. Louise Champoux-Paillé received the award for Outstanding Achievement.

**You have until Friday, March 3, 2017**, to nominate a candidate in one of these seven categories:

- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Social and Environmental Engagement
- Public Services
- Sport and Health/Wellness
- Arts, Culture and Design
- Information and Education
- Research and Innovation

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To nominate a candidate, go to [fondation.ydesfemmesmtl.org](http://fondation.ydesfemmesmtl.org). For more details on procedures and rules, contact the Foundation by calling 514-866-9941, extension 239, or by email at [ecardinal@ydesfemmesmtl.org](mailto:ecardinal@ydesfemmesmtl.org) Follow us on Facebook and Twitter #FemmesDemerite or #WomenOfDistinction.

Since the inception of the Women of Distinction Awards, hundreds of women have been honoured for their exceptional accomplishments by the Women's Y Foundation of Montreal at the annual awards benefit evening. Join us on September 26, 2017, to mark the contributions of these remarkable women!

### ***Women's Y Foundation of Montreal***

**The Women's Y Foundation of Montreal** was founded in 1995 with the mission of providing a stable and ongoing source of funding for YWCA Montreal programs and services. It is an important source of financial support to the YWCA Montreal, enabling it to continue its work for the social and economic integration of girls and women in Montreal.

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