

*Welcome to our
40th Anniversary*



Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto

Founding Grandmothers

We acknowledge and honour our founding grandmothers:

Ivy Chaske

Reva Jewell

Dawn Smoke

Constance Fife

Denise Lunham

Patti Chrisjohn

Maddy Harper

Order of Events

Guest Arrival & Check-in

Music by Graeme

Opening Song

by Chasing Buffalo and All Nations Singers

Opening Prayer

by Judy Sackaney

Opening Remarks

*by Mayor Olivia Chow, Executive Director Pam Hart/
Councillor Lily Cheng/M.P.P Kristyn Wong Tam*

Words from Nookomis Kitchen & Spirit Plate Ceremony

Dinner and NWRCT Video

Staff Statement

by Jocelyn Kagige

Minaake Awards

Moment of silence in honour of MMIWG - Honour songs

Chasing Buffalo, All Nation Singers

Closing Remarks

by Board of Directors - Miigwetch

Travelling song

by Chasing Buffalo and All Nations Singers

Mingle & Network

Music by Graeme

Minaake Awards

PHYSICAL – HEALTH AND WELLNESS AWARD

Recognizes a community member who is walking a good path by setting and achieving goals to foster positive changes in their own life and/or in the lives or in others, demonstrated a shift in physical wellness and bridging cultural wellness into their physical wellbeing.

NANCY TOLKACZ

EMOTIONAL – GOOD PATH AWARD

Recognizes a community member who has demonstrated overcoming barriers, walking a new path and growth on their healing journey, someone who has overcome and committed to themselves the love they deserve.

CLARISSA LARSON

MENTAL - KNOWLEDGE AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognizes a community member who has shown leadership in the community that brings about positive change for others and supports their community to thrive through knowledge sharing, uplifting others and carving out pathways for themselves and those around them.

SHARON CLARK

SPIRITUAL - RECLAIMING CULTURE /CULTURE KEEPER AWARD

Recognizes a community member who is keeping the cultures and/or stories of people alive, practicing the traditional ways and walking the good path. Sharing this with others and ensuring the next 7 generations have what is rightfully theirs.

RIANNE NAHWEGEZHIC

ELDER AWARD

Recognizing an elder who brings us knowledge, gentle kindness and experience. Someone who shows us the way and reminds us of our teachings.

SHIRLEY RINTOUL

YOUTH AND BRIGHT FUTURE AWARD

Recognizes a youth between the ages of 15-24 years old who is setting goals and meeting them, overcoming hardships, demonstrating leadership, and acts as a good role model for young people.

JUSTICE MEDEMA

BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY AWARD

Recognizes the whole story and whole journey. The self commitment and ones beautiful journey to themselves and their healing and cultural path.

SARA DELORME

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ADRIENNE LINKLATER

NWRCT AWARD

Recognizes someone who is committed to their path with NWRCT, who attends programs, events, contributes and found their community with us at the centre. Someone who is fully engaged for themselves and the community that is NWRCT.

SUSAN CADA

Silent Auction Items

We have curated a silent auction to raise funds for NWRCT operations and programming, from Traditional items to fresh fashion goodies. Gifts for you or someone you care about, stop by and place your bid. Bidding closes when the event ends and the highest bidders will be contacted next week to

arrange payment and delivery of the item. Special Auction corner contains items created by NWRCT participants. Winning Bids will go directly to the community member.

Good luck! And happy shopping.





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