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**YWCA Richmond Announces 2018 Class of Outstanding Women Awards Honorees**

RICHMOND, VA - Since 1980, YWCA Richmond has celebrated the local women leading our region and inspired future leaders through its annual Outstanding Women Awards luncheon. Today, YWCA Richmond announced the women who have been selected as the 38<sup>th</sup> Outstanding Women Awards honorees in nine different categories:

- **Arts – Lisa Sims**, executive director of Venture Richmond, collaborative leader, marketer, promoter, advocate, event planner, director of the Richmond Folk Festival.
- **Business – Laura D. Lafayette**, chief executive officer of the Richmond Association of Realtors and the Central Virginia Regional Listing Service, executive director of Partnership for Housing Affordability.
- **Education – Miriam Davidow**, child advocate as teacher, educator and mentor trainer, long-time mentor, serves youth through work in public education and nonprofit organizations including Richmond Public Schools, The Community Foundation, among many others.
- **Health & Science – Bonnie B. Price**, director of forensic nursing and human trafficking initiatives of Bon Secours Richmond Health System, educator and forensic nurse consultant.
- **Human Relations & Faith in Action – Anna Lou Schaberg**, executive director of the Bob & Anna Lou Schaberg Fund at VNHC (The Virginia Nonprofit Housing Coalition), former coordinator of programs for gifted with Richmond Public Schools, active VCU School of Education alumna.
- **Law & Government – Cynthia I. Newbille**, advisor to the president of the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation for Special Projects, council representative for the Richmond City Council's East 7<sup>th</sup> Voter District, a founder of the SisterFund Giving Circle, member of various boards and commissions.
- **Media & Marketing – Frazier Millner Armstrong**, independent public relations, marketing and communications strategist, former vice-president of audience and content development at the Richmond Times-Dispatch, advisory board member for VCU's Robertson School of Media and Culture.
- **Nonprofit Management – Jeanine Harper**, executive director of Greater Richmond SCAN, social worker and board member of Smart Beginnings, among many others.
- **Volunteerism – Patte Koval**, volunteer leader and board member with Richmond Promise Neighborhood and Peter Paul Development Center, volunteer leader with Family Lifeline and Voices for Virginia's Children, chair of the Jenkins Foundation Board of Directors.

"The Outstanding Women Awards enacts a critical component of the YWCA's mission by acknowledging the women leaders whose work has helped shape our region," Linda S. Tissiere, YWCA Richmond's chief executive officer, said. "Although our honorees are being recognized in nine unique categories, each one has demonstrated significant achievement, leadership, impact on the community and commitment to social equality."

The 2018 Outstanding Women Awards honorees were selected based on their impact on the Greater Richmond community, their leadership skills, a high level of personal and professional achievement and commitment to the YWCA Richmond's mission to eliminate racism and empower women. The honorees will be formally recognized at the Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon, at **11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018** at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Last year, we welcomed more than 775 guests in celebration with us.

Individual luncheon tickets can be purchased for \$75.00. Table purchases, as well as individual and corporate sponsorships are available. For more information about event sponsorships and table purchases, contact Joyce Loving at [jloving@ywcarrichmond.org](mailto:jloving@ywcarrichmond.org). For more information about YWCA Richmond, visit [www.ywcarrichmond.org](http://www.ywcarrichmond.org).

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*YWCA Richmond is a 129-year-strong nonprofit organization committed to empowering women, children and their families to live their best lives. YWCA strengthens our community through early childhood education programming, free emergency and ongoing services for survivors of violence, violence prevention education and leadership opportunities for women. If you or a loved one has experienced domestic, intimate partner violence or sexual violence, you may call the Greater Richmond Regional Hotline at [804-612-6126](tel:804-612-6126).*