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## Nominations are now open for the 2018 Leading Women/Leading Girls, Building Communities Recognition Awards!

What better way to start the New Year than to announce nominations are now open for the 2018 Leading Women/Leading Girls, Building Communities Recognition Awards!

This award acknowledges and celebrates women and girls who demonstrate exceptional leadership in working to improve the lives of others in their communities.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

#### Leading Women:

Nominees must be 18 year of age or older at the time of nomination and have not received this award in the past. Nominees who have received a Leading Girls Award may be nominated for the Leading Women Award if they have different accomplishments.

Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional community leadership to improve the lives of others and have made substantial contributions through volunteer work.

Nominees must have worked to improve the lives of others in one of the following ways:

- Supporting the participation of women from diverse cultural communities in social and economic community life;
- Taking initiative to foster communities where women and children can live free from violence;
- Promoting women's and girls' health and well-being through education, community services and/or research;
- Providing young women with mentoring, guidance, coaching and opportunities for self-improvement;
- Supporting women's participation in their chosen field or endeavouring to remove barriers in the workplace or field of work; or,
- Encouraging women to participate in any part of public or community service.

#### Leading Girls:

Nominees must be under 18 year of age at the time of nomination and not have been nominated in the past.

Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional community leadership to improve the lives of others and have made substantial contributions through volunteer work.

Nominees must have worked to improve the lives of others in one of the following ways:

Breaking down barriers and encouraging girls to get involved in careers where women are underrepresented;

Actively promoting issues such as equality, diversity, healthy equal relationships, preventing violence against women and reducing racism and discrimination;  
encouraging girls to participate in any part of public or community service; or,  
mentoring, coaching, leading events or organizations and being a leader for women and girls in their communities.

### **Nomination Instructions:**

A nomination form is attached to this email. This form needs to have supporting documents attached and both Section A and B completed, including:

- nominee information;
- MPP information; and,
- Two Letters of Support: the letters must be unique to each nominee and must address the three questions listed in Section B of the nomination form. Letters may be submitted by a community leader, mentor, employer, or another individual who has experience volunteering with the nominee. Letters of support from family members are not valid in this case.

### **Deadline:**

We will be **accepting nominations until January 20, 2018**. Please send this form and the attached supporting documents to my Community Office by email at [ynaqvi.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:ynaqvi.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org) or by mail to: 109 Catherine Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 0P4

We need the leadership of women and girls to build a fair and equitable society. This award celebrates women and girls whose hard work and contributions inspire others. As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa Centre, I am pleased to be able to honour exceptional women and girls in our community. Think about the women and girls you know who are enacting positive change and consider nominating them for next year's award. I look forward to hearing from you about the women and girls in Ottawa Centre who are making a difference.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Community Office at [ynaqvi.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:ynaqvi.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org) or 613-722-6414.

Sincerely,

Yasir Naqvi, MPP  
Ottawa Centre