

## WOMEN OF THE YEAR WINNERS

### Category

Athletics  
 Business  
 Community Service  
 Culture  
 Homemaker  
 Employee  
 Political  
 Professional  
 Senior Citizen  
 Special Category  
 Youth

### 1975

Elizabeth Damman  
 Jeanette Wilhelm  
 Dorothy Schnarr  
 Lorna Bergey  
 Rita Kreitz  
 Norma Hauss  
 Edith MacIntosh\*  
 Mary Johnston  
 Edith Jefferson  
 N/A  
 Darlene Golka

### 1976

N/A  
 June Conlon  
 Anne Marie Sehl  
 Veronika Kerr  
 Dorothy Snook  
 Joan Rahn  
 Doreen Thomas  
 Francis Denny  
 Marie Kalbfleisch  
 Louise Vanderkolff (Millar) \*  
 Karen Millar

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### 1977

Lillian Burke  
 Joan Heaton  
 Mary Meikleham  
 Barbara Smucker  
 Paula Saunders  
 Margaret Foster  
 Beverly Folliott  
 Betty Thompson\*  
 Sister Edwardine  
 N/A  
 Heather Robertson

### 1978

Sherry Hawco  
 Susan Kachik  
 Audrey Reitzel  
 Phyllis Kitchen  
 Mary Jo Flood  
 Gloria Gallian  
 Marjorie Carroll  
 Anne Leslie  
 Laura Fleming  
 N/A  
 Jill Niebell

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### 1979

Kelly Kempel  
 Margaret Schiketanz  
 Alisa Feick  
 Mary Smith  
 Anita Snofl  
 Janis Turenne  
 Jeanne Foster  
 Jean Wilson  
 Sister Veronika  
 N/A  
 Cathy Davidson

### 1980

Patti-Jo Knorr  
 Joy Staines  
 Lorna Kobelak  
 Edna Staebler  
 Dorothy Miller  
 Mary Sim  
 Lynne Woolstencroft  
 Grace Schmidt  
 Hilda Lotz  
 The Ventures  
 Carolyn Machon

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**1981**

**1982**

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Lisa Campfens  
Mary D'Alton  
Margaret Cullen  
Cathryn Lamb  
Grace Jutzi  
Myrtle Schacht  
Mary Jane McWhinney  
Eileen Parliament  
Sister Aloysia

Kathy Plant  
Joan Lacey  
Shirley Meadows  
Cathy Williams \*  
Isobel MacKay  
Diana Blundon  
Elaine Rees  
Lorraine Reese  
Beatrice Kreiner  
Olivia Thaler  
N/A  
Marlene Graham

Special Category  
Youth

N/A  
Stacey Gilders

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**1983**

**1984**

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Kali Bogias  
Karen Hall  
Lorna Van Mossel  
Elizabeth Eastman  
Annetta Voll  
Marg Doerfler  
Grace Stoner  
Margaret Dickson  
Mary Reinhardt  
Mabel Krug  
Caitlin McGregor

Mary-Jo Sobiera  
Shirley Lohmer  
Florence Gole  
Edna Smith  
Sharon Vitez  
Katherine Durst  
Barbara Fraser  
Diane De Coene  
Myrtle Luelo  
N/A  
Laura Bartels

**Category**

**1985**

**1986**

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Culture  
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Employee  
Political

Sylvia Malgadey-Forgrave  
Patricia Henderson  
Margaret Motz  
Nancy-Lou Patterson  
Margaret Asmussen  
Susan Usher  
Katie Thomson \*  
Joan McKinnon  
Jean O'Leavey  
Dr. Margaret Evans  
Claudette Millar  
Kim McKinnon

Jane Young  
Gina De Cicco  
Gloria Chapman  
Cathy Raithby  
Margaret Downey  
Betty Boutilier  
Nhanci Deszca  
  
Sister M. Valentia  
Elisabeth Clare  
N/A  
Delma Budan

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**1987**

Allison Hiscott  
Gloria Simmons  
Mary Conrad  
Ann Roberts  
Audrey Cober  
Phylis Kehl  
Elizabeth Witmer  
Mary Buller-Wallace  
Ruby Sowpel  
Anna Kaljas  
Luanne Farwell

**1988**

Christine Hough  
Marjorie Beckett  
Madeline Haller  
Devona Paquette  
Isabella Smith  
Doreen Halloran  
Christina Weylie  
Susan McDaniel  
Sue King  
N/A  
Christine Barber

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**1989**

Jean Horne  
Josie Hill  
Frances McIntosh  
Elizabeth Straus  
Bonnie Blouse  
Edna Pilon  
Twyla Hendry  
Dr. Doreen Brisbin  
Isabel (Chick) Rennie  
N/A  
Stephanie Flood

**1990**

Rachel Keagan  
Judy Riedel  
Darlene Long-Thompson  
Rosemary Flanagan  
Rita Schnarr  
Jeannette Lantz  
Jane Brewer  
Joyce Stankiewicz  
Edith Davidson  
N/A  
Krista Young

**Category**

Advocacy  
Arts/History/Literature  
Business/Entrepreneur  
Employee  
Homemaker  
Humanitarian  
Multicultural  
Professional  
Senior  
Sport/Recreation  
Volunteer  
Young Adult

**1991**

Ari Ariaratnam  
Mary-Eileen McClear  
Charlotte Whaley  
Marj Ambrose  
Rosemary Beaupre  
Ruth Guthrie  
Chloe Callender  
Sgt. Anne McConnell  
Trudy Atkins  
Julie Hulme  
Elizabeth South  
Margaret Gunawan

**1992**

Marcia Smellie  
Susan Burke  
Bev Chris  
Marlene Baulk  
Jennifer Louks  
Judy Harding  
Joyce Palubiski  
Carolyn Rittinger  
Doretta Wolfhard  
Kathy Doherty-Masters  
Nancy McCreary  
Marina Kaakahdjian

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Art/History/Literature  
Business/Entrepreneur  
Employee  
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Humanitarian  
Multicultural  
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**1993**

Donna Reid  
Mary Ann Horst  
Sonia Adlys  
Margaret Stahle  
Barb da Silva  
Sue Coulter  
Gehan Darwish Sabry  
Jean Brett  
Helen Fowler  
Marg Kirkorian  
Valerie Corcoran\*  
Shalene McCreary

**1994**

Maria Alvarez  
Nicole Fougere  
Tracey Johnston-Aldworth  
Gonda VanRoosmalen  
Janet Stevens  
Bettye Clark  
N/A  
Dr. Josephine Naidoo  
Cecilia Duval  
Joyce Leggatt  
N/A  
Jill Carter

**Category**

Advocacy  
Art/History/Literature  
Business/Entrepreneur  
Community Volunteer  
Employee  
Homemaker  
Humanitarian  
Multicultural  
Professional  
Senior  
Sport/Recreation  
Young Adult

**1995**

Karen Taylor-Harrison  
Shanta Dubey  
Silvana Handa  
N/A  
Anne Marie Webster  
Elzbieta Twerd  
Sandra Wildfong  
N/A  
Vicki Ness  
Verna Struke \*  
Francine Darroch  
Karrie Wolfe

**1996**

N/A  
Yan Li  
Tricia Siemens  
Lynda Hammond  
JoAnne Deutschlander  
Nancy Snider  
Ann Mazur  
N/A  
Luisa D'Amato  
Dr. Jean Steckle\*  
Kathy MacKowski  
Jennie Nicholls

**Category**

Art/History/Literature  
Business/Entrepreneur  
Community Volunteer  
Employee  
Homemaker  
Humanitarian  
Professional  
Senior  
Sport  
Young Adult

**1997**

Chandrika Anjaria  
Anne Forler  
Fran MacFarlane  
Kari-Liisa Ritchie  
Brenda Porter-Lockhart  
Margaret Strong  
Mary Karchemny  
Margaret Bolender  
Lori Piche  
Christine Ichim

**1998**

Jane Urquhart  
Pat Scott  
Marilyn Greentree (Smith)  
Nancy Brawley  
Carmen Ferber  
Rita Crispin  
Myrta Rivera  
Reta Ellacott  
Leigh Hobson  
Melanie Martin

**Category**

Art/Literature  
Business/Entrepreneur  
Community Volunteer  
Employee  
Fitness/Sport/Recreation  
Homemaker  
Humanitarian  
Professional  
Senior  
Young Adult

**1999**

Aggie Beynon  
Helen Jowett  
Gita Morar  
Cathy Schwark  
Yvonne Tousek  
Aneita Brown  
Arleen MacPherson  
Hilde English  
Corry DenDuyf  
Cheryl Muranko

**2000**

Ellen Miller  
Martha George  
Paula Haisell  
Jennifer Zehr  
Gwyn Redford  
Lisa Bruce  
Kathryn Blain  
Judy Johnson  
Pearl Marks  
Jill Doherty

**Category**

The Arts  
Business  
Community Volunteer  
Employee  
Homemaker  
Humanitarian  
Professional  
Senior  
Fitness/Sport/Recreation  
Young Adult

**2001**

Deborah Rothwell  
Valerie Baker  
Joan Euler  
Linda Kieswetter  
Nancy Fletcher  
Pam Wolfe  
Leslie Benecki  
Marlene Fretz  
Yvonne Taylor  
Jennifer Sloane

**Category**

Arts & Cultural  
Community Services  
Environment  
Health, Wellness & Active Living  
Professional  
Senior  
Young Adult  
Impact

**2002**

Carolyn Dysart  
Joyce Heck  
Susan Koswan  
Joanne Atkins  
Penny Curtis  
Wilma Vye  
Theresa Mendler  
Shirley Westlake

**2003**

Maedith Radlein  
Cathy Hall  
Maryanne Weiler  
Debbie Karmaschek  
Cathy Snyder  
Joan Thompson  
Laura Forde  
Alicia Smith

**Category**

Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Health & Wellness  
Professional  
Senior  
Sports & Recreation  
Young Adult

**2004**

Kim Jernigan  
Brooke Robinson  
Sheila Forler Bauman  
Anne Becker  
Margaretha Ehrlich  
Jessica Tuomela  
Annie Pound

**2005**

Janice Bjarnason  
Sue Tomchick  
Karin Young  
Sharon Robertson  
Betty Eby  
Dianne Crossley  
Katrina Ratz

**Category**

Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Health & Wellness  
Professional  
Senior  
Sports & Recreation  
Young Adult

**2006**

Lisa Marie Collins  
Eunice Valenzuela  
Nancy Cameron  
Dr. Bonnie Worthen  
Rose Frim  
Kristin Parkes  
Abbie Gateman

**2007**

Amanda Kind  
Heather Snell \*  
Carol Cressman Foster  
Deborah Schlichter  
Verna Struke \*  
Laurie McGrath  
Samantha Whiteside

**Category**

Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Entrepreneur  
Health & Wellness  
Professional  
Senior (Lifetime Achievement)  
Sports & Recreation  
Young Adult

**2008**

Joy Kramer  
Dorothy Angel  
Elbita Batky  
Caryl Russell  
Sandra J. Hanmer  
Frances Walton  
Mara Markovic-Siladi  
Maddie Buttinger

**2009**

Cheryl A. Ewing  
Donna Black  
Tamara Minns  
Chloe Hamilton  
Diane Freeman  
Janet Dawson-Brock  
Jaime Doucet & Sarah Sine  
Wren Laing

**Category**

Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Entrepreneur  
Health & Wellness  
Lifetime Achievement  
Professional  
Sports & Recreation  
Young Adult

**2010**

Isabel Cisterna  
Linda Hendry  
Shevaun Voisin  
Meaghan Johnson  
Elsie Cressman \*  
Dr. Jennifer Schnarr  
Rachel Conway  
Rachel Loewen

**2011**

Diane Eastham  
Kelly Meissner  
Lisa Morell Kelly  
Susan Lewis  
Lorna van Mossel \*  
Constable Sharon Bellows  
Natalie Stevanus  
Kelly Lovell

**Category**

Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Entrepreneur  
Group Achievement *(new category in 2013)*  
Health & Wellness  
Lifetime Achievement  
Professional  
Sports & Recreation  
Young Adult

**2012**

Brooke Myers  
Paulet Biedermann  
Yvonne Zensner  
Magdalena Stopinski  
Florence Hansen-Jucker \*  
Mary Jo Fedy  
Mandy Bujold  
Amber Shewfelt

**2013**

Christine Vlajk  
Nancy Tilt  
Jamie Burton  
May Court Club of Kitchener-Waterloo  
Tracey Collins  
Sandra Henderson  
Sara Casselman  
Mikaela Gerber  
Stephanie Prysruk

**Category**

Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Entrepreneur  
Group Achievement

Health & Wellness  
Lifetime Achievement  
Professional  
Sports & Recreation  
Young Adult

**2014**

Alysha Brilla  
Shirley Levene  
Stephanie Rozek  
Waterloo Region Special  
Education Choir  
Robin Bender  
Astrid Braun  
Michele McBride-Roach  
Victoria Moors  
Sherry Bo-Yee Wong

**2015**

Janice Jo Lee  
Idrisa Pandit  
Shauna Lynn Simon  
Women's Crisis Services of  
Waterloo Region  
Debby Riepert  
Ann O'Donnell-Beckwith  
Pat Singleton  
Adrienne O'Donnell  
Karley George

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Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Entrepreneur  
Group Achievement

Health & Wellness  
Lifetime Achievement  
Professional  
Sports & Recreation  
Young Adult  
STEM (*new category in 2016*)

**2016**

Rebecca Short  
Georgia Cunningham  
Lina Shamoun  
Best Friends of Big Brothers  
Big Sisters of Waterloo Region  
Laura Callum  
Ann Bilodeau  
Cynthia Davis  
Kaitlyn Weaver  
Nooran AbuMazen  
Dr. Shohin Ghose

**2017**

Nancy Regehr  
Tracy Shonk-Lacey  
Jennifer Knapp  
SHORE Centre  
Mary Mueller  
Linda Fabi  
Dr. Diana Parry  
Rhonda-Marie Parke  
Maggie Sutherland  
Dr. Julie Biedermann

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Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Entrepreneur  
Group Achievement  
Health & Wellness  
Lifetime Achievement  
Professional  
Sports & Recreation  
STEAM  
Young Adult

**2018**

Hilary Gauld-Camilleri  
Nancy Koebel  
Diane Matyas  
Zonta Club of K-W  
Tara Hebblethwaite  
Brenda Halloran  
Margaret Brockett  
Alyssa Lagonia  
Carol Leaman  
Chloe Jang

**2019**

Nicole Guse  
Jane Tuer  
Ada Barlatt  
Coalition of Muslim Women of KW  
Jackie Gerlach  
Joan Driver  
Wendi Campbell  
Loren Gabel  
Dr. Hilary Bergsieker  
Meena Waseem

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Arts & Culture  
Community Service  
Entrepreneur  
Group Achievement  
Health & Wellness  
Lifetime Achievement  
Professional  
Sports & Recreation  
STEAM  
Young Adult

**2020**

*Event postponed  
due to COVID-19  
Pandemic*

**2021**

Jayne Armstrong  
Julie Sawatzky  
Jill Zappitelli  
*Category removed in 2021 only*  
Dr. Linda Lee  
Donna Dubie  
Jennifer Gordon  
*Category removed in 2021 only*  
Sherry Shannon-Vanstone  
Fatima Awan

\* Deceased