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The New York Women's Foundation's Annual Neighborhood Dinner honors the changemakers of Queens. The honorees include the Jack & Dorothy Kupferberg Family Foundation, Dr Althea Taylor, Carina Kaufman-Gutierrez, Yanki Tshering, and Irma Rodriguez

The [New York Women's Foundation's](#) 2023 Annual Neighborhood Dinner celebrates the spectacular diversity of Queens by honoring exceptional women whose courage and leadership have transformed their Queens communities for women and families. This year's honorees include:

 **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**
Reception 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Dinner and Program 7:00 - 9:00 PM

 **Flushing Town Hall**
137-35 Northern Blvd
Queens, NY 11354

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Neighborhood Leadership Awards



ALETHEA TAYLOR
Hour Children



CARINA KAUFMAN-GUTIERREZ
Street Vendor Project

Spirit of Entrepreneurship Award



YANKI TSHERING
Accompany Capital

Lifetime Achievement Award



IRMA RODRIGUEZ
Queens Community House,
NYWF Board Alumna

Queens Champion Award JACK & DOROTHY KUPFERBERG FAMILY FOUNDATION

Master of Ceremonies SAEEDA DUNSTON Executive Director, Elmcot Youth and Adult Activities

In 1994, The New York Women's Foundation inaugurated the Neighborhood Dinner to celebrate the diverse cultures in New York City and the courageous leaders that are working to make their communities a better place for all.

The ***Neighborhood Leadership Award*** honors the power of women acting in and for their communities. This year it is being awarded to **Dr. Althea Taylor** the Executive Director of Hour Children, who has done phenomenal work on incarceration reform and in helping women with substance use and mental health disorders who were formally incarcerated and to **Carina Kaufman-Gutierrez** of Street Vendor Project, who has as worked to pass city and state legislation to reform the street vendor industry and to create a relief fund for excluded workers. Both organizations are The New York Women's Foundation's Grantee Partners.

The Foundation will be presenting the ***Spirit of Entrepreneurship Award*** to **Yanki Tshering**, Founder and Executive Director of Accompany Capital, whose microlending for immigrants and refugee owned micro and small businesses has enriched the community and demonstrated a deep level of commitment to the neighborhood.

This year, ***Irma Rodriguez will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award***. Irma has dedicated her life and career to the Queens Community House; she served as its Executive Director of the Queens Community House (QCH) from 2008-2015, after serving more than 25 years as Associate Director. QCH grew from a locally serving community center into a borough-wide organization with 25 sites in 11 neighborhoods, serving 25 ,000 children, families, and older adults. Under Irma's guidance, QCH developed expertise in organizing, neighborhood preservation, and community building. She has been acknowledged for her efforts to promote human service provision as a vehicle for social change.

The Jack and Dorothy Kupferberg Family Foundation is being honored with the inaugural Queens Champion Award for the family's dedication to the well-being of Queen's neighborhoods and communities.

This year, The Neighborhood Dinner is being celebrated in Queens at the Flushing Town Hall. For 161 years the Flushing Town Hall has served the Queens community in a variety of ways, as an assembly point for Union recruits during the Civil War and as a bank, grand ballroom, police precinct, jail, and courthouse, Flushing Town Hall is now home to the Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts (FCCA), presenting high-quality, award-winning performing and visual arts programs, family, senior and educational programs exhibitions, and free community events. We are proud to host our 2023 Neighborhood Dinner in this space where the positive impact of transforming buildings of law and order into a safe place for community is undeniable.

"We are privileged to recognize the important work of these honorees who are working to make their communities a better place for all," said Ana L. Oliveira, President and CEO of The New York Women's Foundation. "Through their work, they are able to shift our consciousness toward justice and equity, which is essential to bring about the progress that our city so desperately needs."

As a public community foundation, The New York Women's Foundation relies on its donor partners to advance its mission. You can learn more about the event and secure your tickets today by visiting: <https://nywf.org/event/nd2023/>

About The New York Women's Foundation

The New York Women's Foundation is a voice for women and gender-expansive people and a force for change. The Foundation's mission is to create an equitable and just future for women and families. It achieves this goal by uniting cross-cultural and community alliances that ignite action. The Foundation invests in women-led, innovative, and bold community-based solutions that promote the economic security, safety, and health of the most underserved women. The Foundation has distributed more than \$114 million in its 36-year existence to over 500 organizations, impacting millions of women and girls across New York City and beyond. To learn more about The New York Women's Foundation's work to transform lives, families, and communities, please visit www.nywf.org.

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