



THE
EIRA "BABS" FRIESEN
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Eira "Babs" Friesen

Please join us in honouring a woman who inspires us and celebrate her achievements at the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg's **Women of Distinction Dinner** on Wednesday May 2, 2012 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.



Dr. Mary Pankiw (Hrenchuk),
2011 Award Recipient



HONOURING
BABS FRIESEN

Eira "Babs" Friesen (1917-2008) was a community activist and long-time YWCA and YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg volunteer. She was the originator of the Y-Neighbours program, which brought stay-at-home moms and pre-schoolers together for exercise, mutual support and companionship. The program was so successful, it soon spread city-wide and remains so today.

Recognizing another need, she was instrumental in establishing the Women's Resource Centre at the Winnipeg YWCA in 1973. This was the first such centre offering women information, support, and guidance in Western Canada and the model for dozens of social safety net programs and organizations ever since. She was active with her church, immigrant women, MATCH International, the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba and the Council of Women of Winnipeg, the UN Platform for Action Committee and the University Women's Club.

She received numerous awards and honours for her contributions, including the Queen's Jubilee Award, the Premier's Volunteer Service Award, the Medal of Merit from the Girl Guides of Canada, the Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, the 50th Anniversary United Nations Global Citizen Award and the YMCA-YWCA Woman of Distinction Award. In 2003, she was inducted into the Order of Canada, and the same year, was the recipient of the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case.

The YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg and the Manitoba Women's Advisory Council are pleased to announce the Call for Nominations for The Eira "Babs" Friesen Lifetime Achievement Award, honouring a woman who, like Babs, has demonstrated courage, persistence and made a unique contribution to women's equality.



MANITOBA WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
CONSEIL CONSULTATIF DES FEMMES DU MANITOBA

DEADLINE *for* NOMINATIONS

A COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKAGE MUST BE RECEIVED BY the Manitoba Women's Advisory Council at 409-401 York Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P8, by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012. THE ENVELOPE SHOULD BE MARKED:** Eira "Babs" Friesen Lifetime Achievement Award.

SUBMISSION

All submissions are requested to be:

- *Typed or printed on white 8 1/2" x 11" paper, single sided*
- *No staples, binders or folders - use paperclips only*
- *Retain a copy of the nomination form and materials for future reference and possible resubmission*



A NOMINEE MUST:

- Be a resident of Winnipeg
- Consent to her nomination by signing the nomination form, along with her nominator

NOMINATION PACKAGE

1 | COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM

2 | STATEMENT OF NOMINATION

Please respond to each of the questions below. Please use point form and provide specific examples. Do not exceed one 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper (minimum 12 point font) per question. Information is provided in italics to help you with answering these questions.

a) How has the nominee contributed as a role model for other women?

- *Demonstrated vision and pioneering spirit in the advancement of women and the quality of women's lives over her lifetime*
- *Enriched, enabled or influenced others by virtue of her involvement*
- *Educated, supported and encouraged female successors, colleagues and peers*
- *Demonstrated admirable qualities such as responsible leadership, perseverance or being a voice for others*

b) What are the nominee's unique and outstanding achievements?

- *Breaking new ground or old barriers*
- *Making a distinct and describable difference*
- *Acting as an advocate or elder supporting women's endeavours*

c) How has the nominee contributed to gender equality?

- *Improved the economic, social, legal and health status of women*
- *Is an agent for change either within her particular community or the world at large*

3 | LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Please provide a maximum of three letters of support, which add specific information not otherwise contained in the nomination form. Photos, tapes, and videos will not be accepted. Letters of support should not come from the Nominator.

4 | RESUME (MAXIMUM 3 PAGES)

Please attach a resume or equivalent which outlines the nominee's background, career and present work or activity including: organizational involvement, volunteer activities, education, awards, recognitions and other achievements.



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SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations will be evaluated only on the merit of the submissions received. As a nominator, it is your responsibility to reflect the achievements of the nominee to the selection committee, to draw out their exceptional nature. Be thorough and factual. The nomination package of each nominee will be reviewed for clarification. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Eligible nominations will be kept on file for three years. **The decisions of the Selection Committee are confidential and will be announced prior to the Women of Distinction Awards Dinner on Wednesday May 2, 2012.**

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's full name

Address

City

Postal Code

Telephone - RESIDENCE

BUSINESS

Cell phone

Email

I have read the information contained herein, certify it to be true and correct in its entirety, and hereby allow my name to stand for nomination. I also agree to the release of my contact information to the media by the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg and/or the Manitoba Women's Advisory Council.

Nominee's signature

Date

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name to appear in program

Contact Person

Address

City

Postal Code

Telephone - RESIDENCE

BUSINESS

Cell phone

Email

I have read the information in this nomination, and as the nominator, certify it to be true and correct in its entirety.

Nominator/Contact signature