YWCA Southeast Wisconsin presents the 16th Annual

An Evening to Promote Racial Justice

Journey Toward Justice

6:30 pm | Virtual Event
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
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Together, we are expanding human possibility in our communities—helping nurture the next generation of builders, makers, and innovators.

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Greetings, Good Friends and First-time Guests,

Thank you for joining us tonight for the 16th annual An Evening to Promote Racial Justice.

2020 has been a very full year – marked by heartache and (some) triumphs; it is one worthy of genuine reflection. Depending on your own personal circumstances, it may have been a year that has caused you to doubt the resiliency and resolve of this community to build a just and more inclusive region.

Not so at YWCA Southeast Wisconsin. In fact, tonight is a tribute to resiliency and resolve. Tonight is not only an opportunity to reflect on our personal justice journeys but also an opportunity to commit to a new year – a 2021 of advancing racial justice – together.

Despite the year 2020, or perhaps because of it, we are more clear about our vision than ever. And, we invite you to join us in building a shared vision for Southeast Wisconsin – a thriving, inclusive and just region defined by racial and gender equity as a foundation for healthy communities.

For the first 15 years of this event, we’ve gathered in person and each year the audience has grown in number and diversity. We are confident we will be in person again next December for our 17th “Evening” – and in the meantime – we will work together for racial justice.

Onward!

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We thank **YWCA Southeast Wisconsin** for their steadfast work in eliminating racism and promoting equality.

For information about our firm, please contact Lindsey Davis, Partner at lindsey.davis@quarles.com.
2020 Award Recipients

Eliminating Racism Award 2020
Sharlen Moore has committed her life to building and sustaining grassroots leadership for change. She has a passion for community justice, which led to her co-founding Urban Underground in 2000, a nationally recognized grassroots youth development organization whose members have been at the forefront of youth-led social change in Milwaukee and the region. She is also the founding member of Youth Justice Milwaukee which is a broad-based youth decarceration campaign advocating for the creation of community-based, family-centered, restorative programs as an alternative to locking up youth in Wisconsin prisons. Sharlen’s efforts have touched the lives of countless youth and have inspired a new generation of young leaders that will carry forth the struggle for justice and equality.

Sharlen currently serves as Director of Youth Justice Milwaukee & Urban Underground, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Empowering Women Award 2020
Vicky Selkowe is the Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Community Partnerships for the City of Racine. In this role, she helps lead the City’s efforts to tackle systemic disparities and inequities and she works with community residents and partner organizations to support and scale up effective strategies and programs. Vicky has been engaged in policy advocacy and systems change in Wisconsin for more than 20 years. She is a public interest attorney who represented low-income clients in employment, housing, and public benefits cases; led statewide anti-poverty policy advocacy efforts; and was Chief of Staff to a State Representative for nearly 6 years. Vicky also spent 4 years as lobbyist for Wisconsin’s largest civil legal aid law firm and was the Lead Instructor for the Wisconsin Women’s Network’s Policy Institute, which empowers women from around the state to become effective policy advocates.

Vicky is a graduate of Beloit College and the University of Wisconsin Law School, and lives in the City of Racine with her husband and his two cats.
Order of Events

Opening Virtual Reception

Welcome and Salute to Sponsors
Raven Eggson-Washington, Board Member
Ginny Finn, President & CEO

Honoring Our Award Recipients
Sharlen Moore, Urban Underground, Eliminating Racism Award
Vicky Selkowe, City of Racine, Empowering Women Award

Fireside Chat with Alejandra Y. Castillo
Led by Paula Penebaker

Wrap up and Call to Action
Martha Barry, PhD, Chief Racial Justice Officer
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Alejandra Y. Castillo is former National Director of the Minority Business Development Agency of the US Department of Commerce, took the reigns as CEO of YWCA USA in 2017. As the first Hispanic American woman to lead MBDA she helped secure financing and capital over $19 billion and created/retained 33,000 jobs. With over two decades of public service experience, she has served in two presidential administrations, as well as served as the Executive Director of the Hispanic National Bar Association.

Alejandra holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in economics and political science; a Master of Arts degree in public policy from the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin; and a Juris Doctorate from American University, Washington College of Law.

YWCA USA serves 2.3 million women and girls around the country through an independent network of 200 associations that provide direct services and advocate for justice and equity, with special emphasis on issues at the intersection of racism and sexism.
Racial Justice Honor Roll

For nearly two decades, YWCA Southeast Wisconsin has served as a regional racial justice leader through programming, community collaboration and thought partnership. We are grateful to those who over those years have shared our commitment to racial justice and seek, like YWCA Southeast Wisconsin, to do better every day.

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- Wisconsin Public Radio
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Thank you!
Join Us in 2021!

Racial Justice Workshops

Unlearning Racism: Tools for Action
Join us virtually on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30—4:30 pm
January 27
February 3, 10, 17
March 3, 17
Registration opens December 10! Visit www.ywcasew.org to register.

Conversations on Race
Join us virtually on Thursday afternoons from 1:30—3:30 pm
February 25
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1
Registration opens soon!

26th Annual Circle of Women
Details coming 2021!