



WOMEN OF **POWER & INFLUENCE** AWARDS

NOW-NYC advocates for the women and girls of New York.

We defend reproductive rights, fight economic inequality, and end to aim discrimination and violence against women.

ABOUT THE WOMEN OF POWER & INFLUENCE AWARDS

The National Organization for Women in New York City (NOW-NYC) established the Women of Power & Influence Awards in 1988 to celebrate the achievements of extraordinary women in business, finance, entrepreneurship, technology, law and government.

Many of our awardees have boldly forged their way to the top of their industries breaking barriers along the way and have made their mark as pioneers and role models.

Held at a premier New York City venue, the event is attended by 400 to 500 business leaders from the worlds of finance, business, and law, and supported by many Fortune 500 companies.

Our awardee alumnae join a network of over 100 exemplary business leaders, financiers, entrepreneurs, and innovators. NOW-NYC provides further networking opportunities for Women of Power & Influence alumnae with yearly events that focus on current issues affecting women in business.

Women of Power & Influence honorees share a commitment to advancing women's opportunities, so that individual women can fulfill their potential and women collectively can advance professionally, economically and socially.

The proceeds from this annual dinner gala support NOW-NYC and Women's Justice NOW in the critical work of advocating for and improving the lives of New York women and girls.



We have a fifty-year legacy of being on the frontlines—working to build a culture of equal opportunity and justice. At a time when we face the most dire threats to women’s reproductive rights, safety, and economic freedom, our leadership is needed—NOW more than ever.

WE CHANGE POLICY & SET A PRECEDENT

We led the fight for landmark legislation in New York to repeal the statute of limitations on rape and secure laws, funding and policies to tackle human trafficking. We ushered in no-fault divorce; expanded sexual harassment protection to cover all working women; secured a new law banning marriage for minors under the age of 17— ending the practice of adult men wedding underage girls and succeeded in securing a law that mandates the repossession of firearms from convicted batterers.

WE POWER ACTIVISM

We are building a force of advocates to resist a national agenda that is targeting women’s hard-won rights. Since November 2016, we have trained more than 2,000 women on how to hold their elected leaders accountable and how to advocate for their own rights. We provide weekly updates and actions and hold regular volunteer-led meetings to amplify women’s voices and defend equality and justice.

WE ADVOCATE FOR PRO-WOMEN RIGHTS LEADERS

We are a non-partisan organization that proactively supports Democrat, Republican, and Independent women’s rights candidates to ensure that the needs of women and their families are represented at all levels of government. We endorse strong, diverse, and qualified pro-choice women and men who represent the populations they serve and who have a consistent track-record of standing up for the real needs of women and working families.

WE HOLD LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE

We act to ensure that the issues that matter to women and girls are front and center, by advocating for comprehensive policy change. We launched Take Rape Seriously NOW, a campaign to defend the threatened Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and we are organizing Women’s Town Halls across New York to provide a platform for women to speak out. We have collected powerful testimony from over 50 organizations and survivors of violence to make the undeniable case for preserving VAWA.

WE SEEK JUSTICE

We provide one-on-one expert support for survivors of sexual assault, helping them navigate a criminal justice system that too often fails to adequately meet their needs. We hold the criminal justice system accountable to rape victims, educating prosecutors and police on best practices and pushing for policies that will competently address the crime of rape. We also build survivor leadership, by working alongside and empowering survivors to engage in advocacy on their own terms.

“I can’t say it enough. A friend told me there was power in fighting back, and she was right—and this is part of the reason I am starting to feel better again. Thank you for helping me fight.”

- V., Sexual Assault Survivor

WE BUILD MOVEMENTS

We train a forceful, diverse, volunteer-led community of feminist activists who—through our programs—gain the tools, knowledge, and skills needed to enact real change for women and girls. We also work with key allies to launch effective coalitions centered on ending sexual violence, including our national coalition to end human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation—WorldWE—and a coalition of antirape advocates in San Francisco that are working to improve their city’s response to sexual assault.

WE PROTECT WOMEN’S RIGHTS

We help women take control of their lives by providing critical resources that give them the support, protections, and guidance they need. We serve thousands of women annually seeking legal referrals for divorce, child custody, sexual assault and harassment through our HELPLINE resources. We have also trained hundreds of volunteers to provide a force of pro-choice advocates to support women accessing reproductive healthcare in Queens. Volunteers collect vital documentation on protester activity to advance lasting policy change that will help to protect clinics serving low-income women.



Women’s Justice NOW, NOW-NYC’s charitable sister organization, mobilizes communities, develops new activist and survivor leadership, and provides direct help to women in need.



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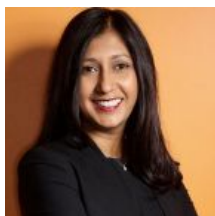


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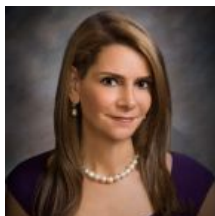
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