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Barrie Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Success at the Women In Business Awards 2024 Announcement of Winners

Barrie, Ontario – March 8, 2024 – On International Women’s Day, the Barrie Chamber of Commerce is proud to publicly announce the recipients of the Women In Business Awards 2024; presented by Meridian.

In a moving event held yesterday with an audience of over 300 people, the event recognized the accomplishments of female leaders who have shown exceptional skills in their respective fields. This year’s awards highlighted the contributions and innovative spirit of women in the Barrie Business Community, acknowledging their efforts in shaping a more inclusive future for everyone.

Keynote Speaker Candice Thomas from Evergreen Wellness Studio captivated the audience and received a standing ovation. Her dedication to promoting maternal mental health is truly inspiring; there wasn’t a single dry eye in sight.

Daniel Tisch, the appointed President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce delivered an uplifting speech emphasizing the significance of community and fostering business success throughout Ontario. We eagerly anticipate his leadership and driving solutions while at the helm of the OCC.

The ceremony gathered an audience of esteemed business professionals, entrepreneurs, and community leaders in a vibrant showcase of talent, ambition, and dedication. Each winner represents the best of Barrie's business and community sectors, demonstrating outstanding leadership, creativity, and a deep commitment to positive change.

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And the Winners are:

The Intrapreneur Award

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Awarded to Steph MacMillan of Busch Systems

In recognition of her innovative contributions within her organization, leading to significant growth and success.

The Young Entrepreneur Award

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Awarded to Sarah & Emily Dahlgren of A Bradford Christmas

Their dynamic vision and dedication to their business have made a significant impact on the local market and community.

The Entrepreneur Award

Sponsored by Bill Gosling Outsourcing

Awarded to Cait Patrick & Lise Ravalli of Homestead Artisan Bakery

Their passion, innovation, and commitment have ingrained their bakery into the Barrie community.

The Community Impact Award

Sponsored by Downtown Barrie BIA

Awarded to Sarah Fleming of Glowing Hearts Charity

Her remarkable work and dedication have left an indelible mark on the youth in Barrie.

The Healthcare Hero Award

Sponsored by SUPERIOR Home Health Care

Awarded to Holly Martin of Touch A Heart Home Care

Recognizing her exceptional contributions to healthcare and her passion for supporting and listening to those in her care with dignity and respect.

The Woman In Trade Award

Sponsored by Georgian College

Awarded to Taylorr Martin of Bertram Construction

Her excellence and leadership in a traditionally male-dominated field demonstrate her dedication to paving the way for future generations of women in trades.



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The Visionary Award

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Awarded to Angie Mcmillin of Angie's Pawsitive Pet Services

Her decision to follow her passion for animals will inspire those around her to take the same leap of faith to pursue their own happiness.

The Barrie Chamber of Commerce extends heartfelt congratulations to all the winners of the Women In Business Awards 2024. These awards not only celebrate the success of these remarkable women but also serve as a beacon of inspiration for aspiring female entrepreneurs and leaders in our community.

Photos and videos from the event will be available shortly on the Barrie Chamber of Commerce website at barriechamber.com/women Please check back regularly for ongoing updates.

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