Attention News/Assignment Editors:
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Media Advisory

Eight Toronto Women Changing Lives, Improving Communities

2000 people will celebrate eight distinctive women on Tuesday June 3, 2008 at YWCA Toronto's the 28th Annual Women of Distinction Awards, presented by Sun Life Financial.

Where	Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building Constitution Hall, 255 Front Street W.
Time	4:30pm Formal YWCA group photo set up 4:45pm Media interviews and photo opportunities 5:30pm Reception/Photo Op/Set up reel 6:30pm Formal proceedings begin 6:38pm His Worship Mayor David Miller's welcome address

This year's recipients in the order that the awards will be presented:

6:42pm	**Kelly Thornton,** Arts & Letters, presented by Cassels Brock Helping women take centre stage
6:50pm	**Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy,** Communications, presented by EllisDon The pursuit of truth in the face of danger
6:58pm	**Zahra Dhanani, Social Change,** presented by YWCA Toronto Spinning music and reforming law
7:08pm	**Ayan Hersi,** Young Woman of Distinction, presented by CIBC Young woman of substance seeking international justice
8:45pm	**Fran Odette,** Access & Equity, presented by Towers Perrin Forging disabled women's access to everyday life
8:53pm	**Rose Patten,** Corporate Leadership, presented by Ernst & Young Paving the way for women in corporate Canada through collegiality and collaboration
9:04pm	**Mary Aitken**, Entrepreneurship, presented by TD Bank Financial Group Building a business that makes "me" time into "we" time
9:12pm	**Deepa Mehta,** President's Award, Isabel Bassett and Borden Ladner Gervais Directing our attention to women's lives

This event is YWCA Toronto's largest annual fundraiser. Thanks to sponsors and partners YWCA Toronto is poised to raise a record-breaking one million dollars. YWCA has over 40 programs across Toronto, supporting women at turning points in their lives.

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