



Recipients of the Harmony & Champion Awards Announced Today

Windsor, Ont. (02-28-2018) - The Multicultural Council of Windsor Essex County (MCC) announced today that Caesars Windsor Cares is the recipient of the Harmony Award and Mrs. Jasmin Reyes-Tjong is the recipient of the Champion Award. The awards will be presented at a gala event to be held on Thursday May 3, 2018 at 6:15 pm at the Ciociaro Club. The theme for this year's event is "Icelandic Evening".

Harmony Award – Caesars Windsor Cares

The Harmony Award was established to recognize individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to building a welcoming community for all.

One of the largest and top employers in the city, Caesars Windsor continues its commitment investing in the community where they live, work and play. Since its inception, Caesars Windsor Cares has donated over 15 million dollars in funding and in-kind resources to support the tireless efforts of many local charitable and non-profit organizations that work towards building a better future for our community and its citizens; and has sponsored many local fundraising events to promote pride and community participation.

At the core of Caesars Windsor Cares is the spirit of its employee volunteers. On an annual basis, through the HERO (Helping Employees Reach Out) program employees give thousands of hours volunteering to help improve the life of others.

Caesars Windsor Cares philanthropic contributions and the passion, dedication and generosity of its employee volunteers have made a positive impact in our community. Together they have helped to identify and remove barriers, promote understanding and create a more welcoming community for all.

Champion Award – Mrs. Jasmin Reyes-Tjong

The Champion Award celebrates the contributions that immigrants make to our community.

Jasmin was born in Manila, Philippines and immigrated to Canada in 1976. Since her arrival, Jasmin has been a champion of Filipino Culture. She is a founding member of the Board of the Filipino Community Centre, a key member of the team that secured the Centre's current home on Northwood Av and a long time dance director/choreographer of the Luzviminda Dance Troupe.

The values of diversity and inclusion are very important to Jasmin. She joined the MCC Board of Directors in 1997 and during her tenure held multiple volunteer appointments. For many years, she coordinated the Best Buddies Canada University of Windsor and St. Clair College Chapters where she paired volunteer post-secondary students with adults who have an intellectual or developmental disability. Through her leadership, passion and dedication, these individuals were given the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the same experiences many of us take for granted.

Jasmin's generosity, passion and dedication have made a difference in the lives of many people in our community.

Award Presentation

The Multicultural Council invites the community to join in celebrating the contributions and dedication of these outstanding award recipients at the Herb Gray Harmony Awards Gala on May 3, 2018. Tickets are \$90/person (\$850 Table of 10) and corporate tables \$1200. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, please go to www.herbgraygala.com

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