

**THE NELLIE
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LUNCHEON

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*EMPOWERING AND CELEBRATING
WOMEN AND GIRLS AS LEADERS*

20 YEARS ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON



Celebrating 20 Years of the Nellie McClung Foundation

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Nellie McClung Foundation, commemorating two decades of dedication to advancing women's equality and preserving the legacy of Nellie McClung. As a pioneering advocate for women's rights, Nellie was instrumental in securing the right for women to vote in Manitoba in 1916, among many other accomplishments.

Since its founding, the Foundation has continued Nellie's work through programs such as the Yes I Can Award, the Scholarship Program, and the 150 Manitoba Women Trailblazer Recognition Awards, recognizing and supporting young women who embody the leadership, courage, and commitment to change what Nellie championed. These initiatives have made a lasting impact, empowering future generations of women to create positive change in their communities and beyond.

The 20th Anniversary is a testament to the unwavering support of the Board, volunteers, sponsors, and donors. Their contributions have been essential in sustaining the Foundation's mission to foster equality and opportunity for all.

As we reflect on these achievements, we also look to the future, continuing Nellie McClung's enduring legacy of empowerment.

Diane Sparrow, Board Chair,
On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Nellie McClung Foundation

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On behalf of the Nellie McClung Foundation, I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of today's 20th Anniversary Luncheon. Our heartfelt thanks go to our sponsors, donors, auction donors, in-kind supporters, and those who purchased tickets and tables. Your generosity has been vital in supporting the Foundation's mission.

Special thanks to our board members, Lisa Goss and the Morning Star Consulting Team, and Tina Jones, our incredible Sponsorship Chair, for their unwavering dedication. Your leadership has ensured the Foundation continues to thrive.

We also acknowledge those who have donated to the Nellie McClung Foundation over the years. Your contributions have made significant projects like the monument, our scholarships, the Yes I Can initiative, and the 150 Trailblazers possible. These initiatives honor Nellie's legacy and empower the next generation of women to become leaders in their communities.

As Nellie McClung once said, "I want to leave something behind when I go... some small legacy of truth, some word that will shine in a dark place." Your continued support helps us build that legacy, ensuring that the work of empowering women and fostering equality endures.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

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Program Participants & Speakers



Ibukun Okunnu – Emcee

Ibukun Okunnu is a passionate advocate for women’s leadership and empowerment. As a member of the Nellie McClung Foundation's Advisory Committee, she plays an active role in launching the Yes I Can Leadership Program each year, narrating the inspiring stories of young women from diverse fields. Dedicated to the Foundation’s mission, Ibukun helps empower future female leaders through her work with the program.

Currently pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Manitoba, Ibukun also brings extensive leadership and community service experience. She will be the emcee for the 20th Anniversary Luncheon, highlighting the transformative work of the Yes I Can initiative.

Ibukun Okunnu – Emcee

Barbara Nepinak - Elder

Diane Sparrow – Board Chair, Nellie McClung Foundation

The Honourable Janice C. Filmon, C.M., O.M. – Fireside Chat Participant

Shelagh Rogers, O.C. – Fireside Chat Participant

Myrna Driedger, O.M. – Founder, Nellie McClung Foundation

Tréchelle Bunn – Speaker (Yes I Can Participant)

Kathryn Salas Chavez – Speaker (Scholarship Program Participant)

The Nellie McClung Foundation honors the legacy of past trailblazers while working to empower, inspire, and celebrate girls and women leaders in the community. By promoting leadership, equality, and opportunity, the Foundation continues to foster an environment where girls and women are encouraged to develop their potential and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

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Fireside Chat

The Nellie McClung Foundation proudly presents the 20th Anniversary Luncheon on November 5, 2024, at the Fairmont Hotel. This event celebrates two decades of achievements and honors all those who contributed to realizing the Foundation's vision. By supporting the Yes I Can Leadership Program and the Scholarship Program, the Foundation ensures Nellie McClung's legacy continues to inspire and empower the next generation of Manitoba's girls and women to become leaders in their communities.

The luncheon will feature a fireside conversation with The Honourable Janice C. Filmon, C.M., O.M., former Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and founding Chair of the Foundation, and Shelagh Rogers, O.C., a trailblazing figure in Canadian broadcasting. Together, they will reflect on their leadership journeys and the influences that have shaped their remarkable careers.

Myrna Driedger is the founder of the Nellie McClung Foundation, dedicated to preserving the legacy of Nellie McClung, a trailblazer for women's rights. Under her leadership, the Foundation launched the Yes I Can Leadership Program and Trailblazer Scholarships, empowering young women to lead and succeed. Myrna's work continues to inspire the next generation of female leaders, aligning with Nellie McClung's vision for equality.



Myrna Driedger, O.M. – Founder,
Nellie McClung Foundation

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Special Guest Speaker
**The Honourable Janice C. Filmon,
C.M., O.M.**



The Honourable Janice Filmon, C.M., O.M., Manitoba's 25th Lieutenant Governor, joins us for a special luncheon in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Nellie McClung Foundation. As the founding Chair of the Foundation, Janice played a pivotal role in placing the "Famous Five" monument on the Manitoba Legislature grounds, honoring the trailblazers of women's rights.

With a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, Janice has held various leadership roles, including past chair of the University of Manitoba Alumni Association. Her civic contributions are extensive, having chaired the Cancer Care Manitoba Foundation, founded Leadership Winnipeg, and led the Festivals component for the 1999 Pan American Games.

Her remarkable contributions to public service have earned her numerous accolades, including the Guardian Angel Award and the establishment of the Janice C. Filmon Award for Leadership in Cancer Care. She holds honorary doctorates from St. John's College and the University of Manitoba and has been inducted into both the Order of Manitoba and the Order of Canada.

In 2021, Janice was honored as a Manitoba 150 Women Trailblazer award recipient, continuing to inspire through her dedication to community service and leadership.

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Special Guest Speaker
Shelagh Rogers, O.C.



Shelagh Rogers, O.C., a trailblazer in Canadian broadcasting, will share insights from her remarkable four-decade career. As the host and producer of CBC Radio's *The Next Chapter* for 15 years, Rogers has been a powerful advocate for Canadian authors, championing diverse voices and women's leadership in media.

From her early years at CFRC to hosting national programs like *Morningside* and *Sounds Like Canada*, Rogers has made a lasting impact on Canadian media. Her role as Chancellor of the University of Victoria and her advocacy for truth and reconciliation reflect her dedication to meaningful storytelling and leadership.

A mental health advocate and honorary witness for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Rogers will discuss her journey of breaking barriers, promoting change, and highlighting the crucial role of women in shaping narratives and fostering inclusivity.

Her career reflects a deep passion for storytelling, an unwavering commitment to amplifying underrepresented voices, and a dedication to making a significant difference—one story at a time.

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Our Impact



Tréchelle Bunn (Yes I Can)



Tréchelle Bunn is an athlete, university student, and advocate from Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation. A three-time Academic All-Canadian, she was recognized for her academic excellence while competing in the USports League.

In 2022, she received the University of Manitoba's Indigenous Award of Excellence for Community Building and the UMSU Award for Indigenous Community Leaders. Tréchelle is the Founder and Race Director of the Reconciliation Run, Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Half-Marathon.

As a representative for Jack.org and an alumna of the Indigenous Circle of Empowerment, Tréchelle advocates for mental health awareness, suicide prevention, and Indigenous leadership. She is also a Youth Delegate for Generation for Equality through the Native Women's Association of Canada.

Her leadership and community involvement continue to inspire others, embodying the values of the 'Yes I Can' initiative.

Inspired by her parents' immigrant journey from Peru, Kathryn is a dedicated advocate for underprivileged youth and women. As a leader at the University of Manitoba's Asper School of Business, she supports low-income families and empowers women in STEAM and business. Aspiring to become a corporate lawyer, Kathryn is committed to breaking barriers and creating opportunities for future generations of Latina women.



Kathryn Salas Chavez (Scholarship Program)





The Nellie McClung Foundation's Famous 5 Monument on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislative Building

About the Foundation

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The Honourable Anita R. Neville, P.C., O.M., Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

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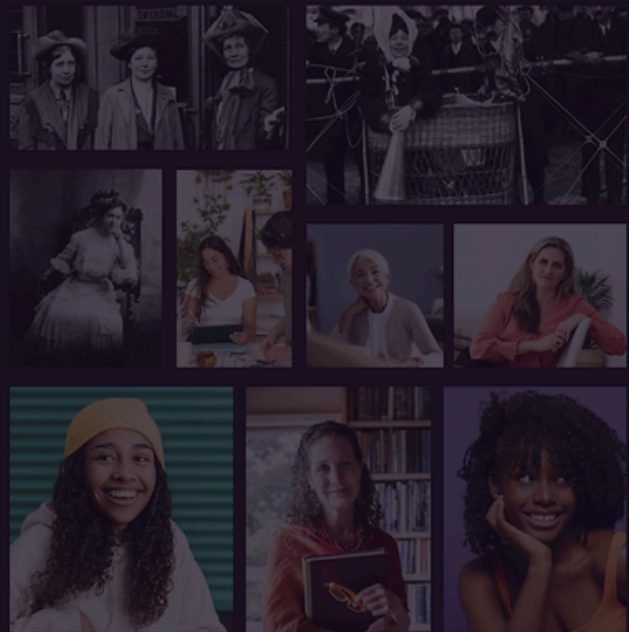
We achieve this by:

- Providing resources, history, and experiences that promote equal participation in leadership
- Embedding the values of those who fought for equality
- Enhancing social awareness to challenge support for equality
- Promoting leadership as a right and privilege in the community
- Offering opportunities to recognize and celebrate women's leadership and talents

Our vision is for all Manitoba girls and women to be empowered leaders in their communities.

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Yes I can Empowering *Women and Girls*



Yes I Can Leadership Initiative

Research shows that young girls often lose confidence during their teen years. To address this, we must inspire girls to see their potential and believe, "Yes I Can."

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the International Day of the Girl, the Nellie McClung Foundation launched the Yes I Can Leadership Initiative. This video series features five dynamic young women aged 16-25 sharing their stories.

The Yes I Can initiative complements the Foundation's Trailblazer Scholarships, which support self-identified female students pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, math (STEAM), business, or underrepresented trades.

With your support and funds raised from the 20th Anniversary Luncheon, the Foundation plans to develop programs empowering young girls and women with essential life skills to encourage leadership and personal growth.





2024 Nellie McClung Trailblazer Scholarship recipients with The Honourable Anita R. Neville, P.C., O.M.

Nellie McClung Trailblazer Scholarships

These awards are dedicated to self-identified female students pursuing careers in the dynamic fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (STEAM), business, or underrepresented trades—sectors offering exceptional job prospects, high earning potential, and engaging work environments.

Financial Support: Each scholarship provides substantial financial assistance, reducing the costs associated with education in STEAM, business, or underrepresented trades.

Career Opportunities: Recipients can embark on exciting careers with strong job prospects, competitive salaries, and stimulating work environments.

Empowerment: Awardees join a community of empowered women, breaking barriers and making a lasting impact in traditionally underrepresented fields.

Our selection criteria emphasize diversity, ensuring Manitoba's varied population is reflected. Awards are specifically designated for students from Indigenous, northern, and rural communities.



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Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ibukun Okunnu, Emcee
Land Acknowledgment

Blessing for the gathering

Barbara Nepinak

Greetings on behalf of the Board

Diane Sparrow, Board Chair,
Nellie McClung Foundation

Meal Service

Fireside Chat

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&
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Founder's Address

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Our Impact

Tréchelle Bunn (Yes I Can)
Kathryn Salas Chavez (Scholarship Program)
Yes I Can 2024 Video

Announcement of Auction Winners

Closing Remarks

Ibukun Okunnu

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Menu

Starter

- *Spiced Butternut Squash Salad -
balsamic roasted butternut squash, pickled shallots,
baby kale, pumpkin seeds, dried cranberries, maple
pumpkin puree,
cinnamon vinaigrette*

- *Freshly Baked Rolls -*

Main

- *Apple Brined Roasted Manitoba Pork Loin -
garlic mash potato, caramelized brussel sprouts,
Calvados jus*

or

- *Spiced Tofu Steak -
edamame & corn succotash,
Romesco sauce, zesty gremolata*

Jones & Company Wine Service

Dessert

- *Family Style Dessert Platter -
assorted squares, lemon meringue tartlet,
fresh fruit tartlet*

Beverage Service

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*Thank
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