



AWARE's 2022 Women of Distinction
(left to right: Bunti Reed, Nancy Douglas, Kitty Eddy,
Dr. Bridget Weiss, and Mariya Lovishchuk)

AWARE is extremely grateful for all supporters of our 25th Annual Women of Distinction Gala! It was a privilege to join with our community in celebrating sisters, Nancy Douglas & Kitty Eddy, Mariya Lovishchuk, Bunti Reed, and Dr. Bridget Weiss. Their incomparable contributions to our community and their words of wisdom and inspiration made the evening a wonderful celebration! AWARE's annual fundraising event was made possible by generous gifts of expertise, energy, and heart. Our thanks to emcee Kris Sell for hosting, Tom Locher for providing opening music, Lingít drummers Litseeni Sháa "Strong Women," for their beautiful drumming, Amy Carroll for designing the printed program, and Jeanette St. George for producing table names. Thanks to videographer & photographer Bradley Perkins, photographer Chloey Cavanaugh, Martha's Flowers and Gifts for arranging our centerpieces, and to Rie Munoz Gallery for artwork. This year, we also give a very special thank you to Christina Love, for her exquisite sharing of courage and words. The Women of Distinction Gala is a wonderful opportunity to honor women who have made outstanding contributions while supporting work to end violence in our community.

The generous financial support of our Corporate Sponsors helps make this event all that it is: Gold Sponsor First National Bank Alaska, Silver Sponsors: Alaska Seaplanes and Alaska USA Federal Credit Union; our precious gems Diamonds: Laura Stats Daugherty and Sealaska Corporation, Ruby: Marci Colpas. A special thank you to KTOO Public Radio and the Juneau Radio Center for their very generous in-kind contributions. Deep gratitude to our door prize donors: Alaska Robotics, Annie Kaill's, Coppa, Devil's Club Brewing Co., Diana Paul, Heritage Coffee Roasting Company, Liz Smith Law, and Mar y Sol.

Thanks to AWARE's dedicated Board of Directors: Officers: Libby Bakalar, Camille Severance, Diana Paul, and Portland Highbaugh, and members Naomi Davidson, Matt DuBois, Amy Dressel, Isabel Lee, Pat Race, Corey Wall, and Bailey Woolfstead. The board joins me in extending deep appreciation to our event coordinator Mandi Canady who worked tirelessly to bring the details of the event to life.

AWARE's ability to work with survivors of domestic and sexual assault is greatly enhanced by Juneau's community support. Proceeds further AWARE's work with those impacted by domestic and sexual violence, and in our community-wide prevention efforts. Together we can help keep our community and survivors in stronger, safer relationships. Gunalchéesh! It would not happen without you!

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