

Wednesday's woman

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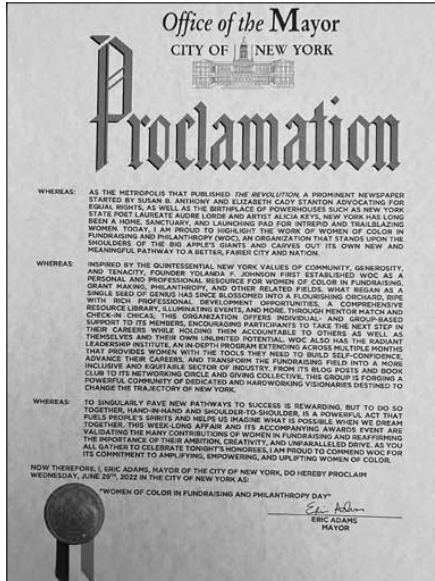
NYC Mayor Eric Adams declares June 29, 2022 as "Women of Color in Fundraising and Philanthropy Day"



Women of Color in Fundraising and Philanthropy (WOC), a NYC Metro-based organization that reaches 5 regions, 38 states and 4 countries, received one of its highest bestowed honors from New York City Mayor Eric Adams who declared June 29, 2022, as "Women of Color in Fundraising and Philanthropy Day." The honor was presented during WOC week – June 27 to July 1, 2022 – marking the nonprofit's second anniversary in New York City and in recognition of its mission to celebrate, inspire and champion women of color in fundraising, philanthropy and related fields through building community and providing unparalleled personal and professional development resources.

The Proclamation was presented at the stellar WOC Around the World NYC 2022 awards ceremony on Wednesday evening, June 29, 2022, at the tony Explorers Club, 6 East 70th Street, NYC and marked the first time the WOC community gathered in-person since the pandemic. During the stellar awards ceremony WOC honored the achievements of three extraordinary women of color leaders in the fundraising and philanthropy community. The WOC Award for Excellence was presented to Hali Lee (Founding Partner, Radiant Strategies; Co-Founder, the Donors of Color Network; Founder, the Asian Women Giving Circle). The WOC Shine Award was presented to Anjelica Garcia (Director, Major Gifts; Ms Foundation for Women). The WOC Spotlight Award was presented to Doria Josma (Development Coordinator, Conscussion Legacy Foundation.) "For two years, WOC has served as the hub and heart for women of color in the fundraising and philanthropic communities around the world," says WOC Founder, Yolanda F. Johnson. "In just two years, our community has grown, embracing WOC leaders around the country and around the world, an achievement that is even more remarkable considering that our community came together to create WOC during the shutdown."

Johnson concluded: "Throughout the coming year, WOC is hosting a dozen WOC Around the World events allowing our community to come together in-person for the first time since our inception.



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Yolanda F. Johnson, Teresa Younger

With our WOC Week event in NYC, we celebrated our diverse community, honoring the achievements WOC leaders who have had an impact on the world, and fostering the promise of WOC members who have just begun to shine." Johnson's philanthropic work includes counseling philanthropists on where to direct their resources, and through her own YFJ Philanthropies, she personally gives back to causes supporting racial and gender equity, those with disabilities and the arts. In addition to founding WOC, Johnson is the Founder of Allies in Action Membership Network and is the outgoing President of Women In Development, NY (WID). Yolanda has also had an outstanding career as a per-

forming artist, as a composer, as a producer, as an educator, and she has used her background as a performer to become a sought-after fundraising and philanthropy expert. For more information about Yolanda F. Johnson, click here.

This event was one of many WOC Around the World events held which united the WOC community. Other recent and upcoming events are scheduled to take place in Atlanta; Chicago; Dallas; Houston; Indiana; Los Angeles; San Francisco; Washington, DC; London, UK; Canada; and Europe. For more information about WOC Around the World events, visit www.woc-fp.com/woc-around-the-world. Sponsors of the WOC Awards include CCS Fundraising and



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WOC Award Winners--Anjelica Garcia, Doria Josma, Hali Lee



Yolanda F. Johnson, Hali Lee



Yolanda F. Johnson with Mayor's Proclamation

Great Performances. WOC Week Giveaways provided by Dance Theatre of Harlem, TINA: The Tina Turner Musical Live On Broadway at New

York's Lunt-Fontanne Theatre and BLADE Urban Air Mobility. For more information about WOC visit www.woc-fp.com. (Photo Credit: Shante Dickson)

