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# Legacy CHANGEMAKER Award

2026

## ITINERARY

2:00-3:00 PM: Doors Open, Registration, Vendor Support, Mix-N-Mingle & Visit Museum

3:00-3:45 PM: Program Begins

- Mistress of Ceremony – Dr. Cheryl McKeiver
- Opening Prayer – Evangelist Kim Rigsbe, RN
- Welcome – Dr. Mary Bisbee-Burrows
- Words of Encouragement
  - Mayor Malik Evans, City of Rochester
  - The Honorable Jacqueline Griffin, Rochester City School District Commissioner

Poetess – Anika Griffiths

Songstress -Ashley Nicole

Introduction of Keynote Speaker by Mistress of Ceremony Dr. McKeiver

Keynote Address -Monique Chatman

3:45-4:30 PM – Lunch, Vendor Support, Mix-N-Mingle & Raffle

4:30-5:00 PM

Legacy Changemaker Awards Presentation – Dr. Mary Bisbee-Burrows

The 2025 Legacy Changemaker Overall Winner -Khadija Yawn (ROC Royal)

Gwen Clifton- SafeWay Homes of Greater Rochester

Dr. LaShunda Leslie-Smith-Sent One Consultants

Delores Jackson-Radney-Kuumba Consultants

Channel Sabado – Glowspa

Myeeshia Singleton-Brown –Eyeconic Beauty & Wellness

Acknowledgements and 50/50 Raffle

Closing Prayer – Prophetess Ebony Nicole Smith

5:00-6:00 PM

Vendor Support, Mix-N-Mingle & Visit Museum

# *Dr. Mary Bisbee-Burrows – Founder*



Dr. Mary Bisbee-Burrows is committed to leaving the world in a better place than she found it by her guiding principle, “She that serves”. Using her leadership expertise, she has used her knowledge to build and uplift communities of color, in particular with empowering women and girls.

As a health and human services practitioner for the last two decades at the New York State Department of Health, Dr. Mary has worked copiously with individuals on self-help strategies, crisis intervention and behavioral health.

In her role as the Chief Executive Officer of the Legacy Drama House, a performance arts/entertainment venue, she provides programming that cultivates and builds the community through exciting initiatives and educational events such as the Economic Empowerment & Entrepreneur Expo, the Melanin Market and more! Dr. Mary is also the creator and visionary of Sista Siesta, which is a rapidly growing international retreat program with the primary focus on elevating women.

Dr. Mary has received several distinct honors for her commitment to community service. In 2025 she was named as an honoree for the 2025 ROC Black Business Gala and as recipient for the Girl Scouts of Western New York Women of Distinction Award (2025). Past awards include: the 2024 Rochester Juneteenth Festival- Good & Faithful Servant, Excellence in Ministry Award, both the 2023 and the 2019 Rochester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated’s Community Service Award, and in 2019 the Phenomenal Woman Award by the Sisters For A Better Black Community.

Dr. Mary earned her doctorate in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher University and her dissertation focused on health disparities and inequities. She also obtained a Master of Science degree and a Bachelor of Science degree from the same institution. She has been married to her highschool sweetheart Kenneth for thirty years, and they have three amazing children: Maya, Keniya and Bryce.

*Mistress of Ceremonies  
Dr. Cheryl McKeiver*



Dr. Cheryl McKeiver is a dynamic host of the finest hour in radio on WDKX! She discusses financial trends and issues that face the Rochester community. Reaching an audience of over 250,000 listeners at 103.9 FM the programming is as diverse as the listening audience.

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Malik Evans*



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Jacqueline Griffin*

## *Keynote Speaker* *Monique Chatman*



Monique “Coach Mo” Chatman is an award-winning entrepreneur, speaker, and community leader based in Rochester, New York, with over 30 business awards and recognitions honoring her impact, innovation, and commitment to excellence.

She is the proud owner of Rochester’s first minority-owned Black spa dedicated to men’s self-care and wellness, as well as the city’s only minority-owned coffee and café lounge, Equal Grounds Community Café — a space rooted in connection, culture, and community.

Through her work, Monique has created more than businesses—she has built experiences that empower, uplift, and inspire. Known for her dynamic voice and authentic storytelling, she is deeply passionate about motivating others to pursue success boldly and without fear. Whether behind the bar crafting meaningful connections over coffee or on stage delivering transformative messages, her mission remains the same: to help others unlock their potential and walk confidently in their purpose.

From humble beginnings to becoming a recognized force in entrepreneurship and leadership, her journey is a testament to resilience, faith, and determination. She started with humble beginnings... and she is still brewing to become her best self.

# *Legacy* **CHANGEMAKER** *Award* **2026**

*What is a Changemaker?*

"A Changemaker is one that is committed to making a difference and getting "it" done. SHE allows no obstacle or challenge to prevent her from being tenacious. To establish a Legacy is to leave a lasting impact on the world. SHE knows the importance of her business being both sustainable and socially impactful.

The Legacy Changemaker awardee is a Black woman business owner that has incorporated all aspects of these characteristics into her organization."



*2025 Legacy Changemaker*

*Khadija Yawn*

# 2026 Legacy Changemaker Nominee Gwen Clifton



Gwen Clifton, served as the Rights Advocate for New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities, advocating across a ten-county region. With over two decades of state service, Gwen held roles like Parole Officer, Domestic Violence Liaison, and Employee Assistant Program Coordinator. Beyond the state, Gwen is the Founder and Executive Director of Safe Way Homes of Greater Rochester, which provides transitional housing for women, women with children, single fathers, and families. Gwen's expertise lies in crisis intervention, domestic violence, and homelessness prevention. Gwen holds a Master of Social Work from Nazareth College & SUNY Brockport.

Recognized for her contributions, Gwen was recognized as one of the recipients of Assemblyman Harry B. Bronson's Women of Distinction, 2025. Gwen is also, a proud graduate of the Dr. Alice Holloway-Young Diversity Internship Program and Class of 2021, Leadership Rochester. Gwen also co-founded the Westside Inclusion Initiative.

In 2020, Gwen organized an End of Racism Rally, leading to the Town of Chili's Executive Proclamation condemning racism. Devoted to her family, Gwen is married to Mark Clifton for 27 years and a mother of two daughters, TaSara and McKenzie. Gwen answered her divine calling to ministry, dedicating over two decades to serving. Her favorite scripture:

Romans 8:28, which proclaims:

"All things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose."





## 2026 Legacy Changemaker Nominee Delores Jackson Radney

Delores Jackson Radney is the owner of Kuumba Consultants, as well as a theater artist, art historian, playwright, director, and community educator with over 30 years of experience inspiring creativity and cultural expression.

As the founder of Kuumba Consultants, an arts and education agency established in 2004, Delores leads a collective of teaching artists—including actors, writers, visual artists, musicians, and video artists—who provide creative programming in schools, after-school programs, recreation centers, and churches for people of all ages. She has played a significant role in arts education throughout Rochester. From 2001 to 2004, she served as a Theater Resource Teacher for the Rochester City School District, where she developed innovative programs integrating theater with social studies to enhance student learning in history, English Language Arts, and the performing arts.



Previously, Delores served as the Family and Community Outreach Director at the Memorial Art Gallery from 1991 to 2001. In this role, she created and implemented impactful family programming that welcomed audiences of color and other underserved communities, increasing cultural engagement and accessibility within the museum.

She also directed the Kuumba Kids Dance, Drama, and Music program at School #4 from 1995 to 2005, providing children with opportunities to explore creativity, Black history, and artistic expression through collaboration with professional artists and live performances. In addition to her educational and artistic work, Delores served as an Account Executive at WDKX Radio from 1987 to 1989, supporting local businesses through advertising.

She is an active member of the Women of Color Art Collaborative, where she has served as Outreach Director since 2019, working alongside a collective of Black women and women of color dedicated to uplifting community through creativity and collaboration.

Delores holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts and Communication from SUNY Geneseo. Her contributions have been widely recognized through numerous honors, including the Smithsonian Award for Museum Leadership, the Sojourner Truth Award, the GEVA Theatre Essie Calhoun Diversity Award, and the Arts and Cultural Council of Rochester's Artist of the Year Award. Above all, Delores considers her family her greatest work of art. She has been married to George Radney since 1987, and together they have three sons—Julian, Omar, and Michael—along with four grandchildren: Ayden, Andrea Jade, Nalah, and Nori.



# 2026 Legacy Changemaker Nominee Dr. LaShunda Leslie-Smith

Dr. LaShunda Leslie-Smith's life is a powerful testimony of faith, resilience, and purpose. Becoming a mother at 14, she refused to be defined by circumstance and instead used it as motivation to build a different future. By age 24, she founded her first nonprofit, Successful Pathways, to support pregnant and parenting teens, and by 34, she was serving as a CEO—demonstrating that unlikely beginnings can lead to impactful leadership.

A first-generation college graduate, LaShunda went on to earn her master's degree and Doctorate in Social Work from the University of Southern California while raising her children alongside her husband, Moses, whose support has been instrumental throughout her journey.



Today, she serves as the Executive Director of Connected Communities in Rochester, New York, where she has led transformational growth—expanding the organization's budget from \$200,000 to over \$2 million and building a team of 13. Under her leadership, innovative initiatives such as the Neighborhood Hub, Connect Lab, Landlord Fund, Wealth Demonstration Project, and Community Investment Trust have helped drive millions in reinvestment while strengthening housing stability, economic mobility, and resident leadership.

In 2025, LaShunda was elected to the Rochester City Council, beginning her term in January 2026. She brings a neighborhood-first, solutions-driven approach to governance, rooted in lived experience and a deep commitment to equitable systems and opportunity for all residents.

Faith remains central to her life and leadership. As a licensed minister at Glory House International, she has mentored and supported individuals and families throughout the Rochester community. She is also the founder of the EPIC Women's Conference, a sold-out biannual gathering that has empowered thousands of women through connection, teaching, and spiritual growth.

A highly sought-after speaker and facilitator, Dr. Leslie-Smith has received numerous honors, including 40 Under 40, Girl Scouts of Western New York Woman of Distinction, ATHENA finalist, and induction into the Rochester Business Journal's Circle of Excellence.

Dr. Leslie-Smith lives on the west side of Rochester with her husband and is the proud mother of two adult children. Her story is one of transformation, and her work continues to help shape a stronger, more connected community.

*2026 Legacy Changemaker Nominee Dr.  
Channel Sabado*

Channel Sabado is a New York State Licensed Esthetician with over 15 years of experience in the skincare industry. She is the owner and head esthetician of GlowSpaRoc, located in Rochester, New York.



Channel specializes in treating acne and hyperpigmentation, while also bringing extensive experience in addressing a wide range of skin conditions and working with all skin types. Her results-driven approach and personalized care have helped many clients feel more confident and comfortable in their skin.

She is passionate about helping others achieve healthy, radiant skin and is dedicated to providing high-quality facial and waxing services tailored to each client's needs.

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# 2026 Legacy Changemaker Nominee Dr. Channel Sabado



Myeeshia Singleton-Brown is the founder of Eyeconic Beauty & Wellness, a transformational wellness brand dedicated to helping women lose weight, build confidence, and become the best version of themselves.

She has helped over 200 women achieve real, lasting results—not only physically, but mentally and emotionally. Her approach is rooted in structure, nutrition guidance, accountability, and mindset, based on her belief that true transformation begins from within.

Myeeshia’s journey did not begin perfectly—it was built through discipline, growth, and a powerful decision to become better. Today, she uses that same blueprint to empower other women to take control of their lives and create sustainable change.

She is deeply passionate about creating impact, building a lasting legacy, and showing women that they are capable of far more than they ever imagined.

Beyond her work, Myeeshia is a proud wife and mother, driven each day to lead by example and inspire others to rise into their full potential.



# *Legacy* **CHANGEMAKER** *Award*

2026

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- 3.29 **CHANGEMAKER Awards Brunch**
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- 5.16 **LUPUS WARRIORS Brunch**
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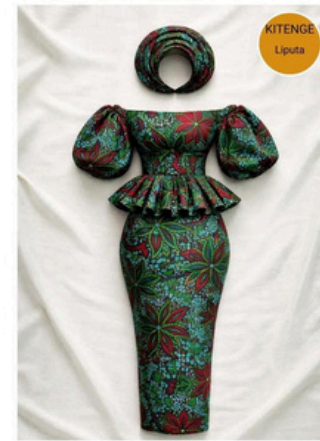
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## DELIVERING FOR OUR DISTRICT

- Our office has assisted in thousands of cases from constituents with issues ranging from unemployment to housing to social security.
- Facilitated over 20 Townhall events addressing community issues such as "Let's Talk About It" to address Bail Reform, HALT Solitary, Less is More, Youth and Mass Incarceration and Raise the Age, to discuss what's going on in the community.
- Secured funding for services and expenses of the Double Up Food Bucks program administered by the Field & Fork Network.
- SAVE SAINT MICHAEL'S: Stood with neighbors and fellow Rochester area State Representatives in asking the Catholic Diocese to keep Saint Michael's Church open to the community. The church is an anchor of the North Clinton Avenue Community.
- Fought on the front lines with 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers to push NYS to help counter damaging cuts by Donald Trump.
- Partnered with Urban League of Rochester and ESL Federal Credit Union Charitable Foundation to create the Sustaining Small Businesses and COVID-19 Relief Grant (SSBCRG) Program.
- Assemblyman Meeks, as a member of the Black, Asian, and Puerto Rican/Hispanic Caucus, helped secure \$30 million for each task force to assist communities accross the state of New York.
- Serving our community: We were able to give back through a sock drive, participate in blood drives, food distribution, clean sweeps, distribute COVID Test Kits, install smoke alarms, assist with building homes, and other volunteer activities in the community.



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