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Two tech leaders win at the 32nd YWCA Women of Distinction Awards

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The YWCA Metro Vancouver celebrated the nationally acclaimed 32nd annual Women of Distinction Awards (#ywcawoda) last night, honouring extraordinary women leaders in their respective fields across Vancouver, BC and Canada.

More than 1,200 guests came together at the Vancouver Convention Centre to hear the inspiring stories of today's leading change-makers and how their courageous activities and achievements contribute to the well-being and future of our community.

Among this year's award recipients were two outstanding BC technology champions, **Laurie Schultz**, CEO & President of ACL, and **Dr. Alexandra Greenhill**, Co-Founder and CEO of myBestHelper.



Dr. Alexandra Greenhill: Winner, Entrepreneurship - A nationally-recognized physician and the Co-Founder and CEO of myBestHelper, an award-winning technology start-up, Alexandra is a rare leader who collaborates across the business, health care and non-profit sectors.

After a successful career as a physician, Alexandra Co-Founded myBestHelper to match working families with child and elder care. The service saw immediate success, with more than 8,000 users across Canada in the first few years, and Alexandra was noticed as an innovative new leader. myBestHelper has sped to the forefront of technology start-ups, including selection in 2012 as one of three Canadian companies to go to the Canadian Technology Accelerator in San Francisco. She is a mentor and role model and organized the Women Lead Tech initiative to showcase BC businesses led by women.



Laurie Schultz: Winner, Business & the Professions - 'A fearless, innovative leader in the competitive technology sector, as President & CEO, Laurie has fundamentally transformed ACL, positioning it as a leader in its market category. Her forward-thinking approach and collaborative acumen has reinvigorated the team at ACL and instilled a culture that is both success-driven and community-minded. ACL is now proud to be the 4th largest Vancouver-headquartered software company and a Top BC Employer (2014). Board member for BCTIA, Laurie is an active advocate for technology in BC, and in particular for growing BC's mid-sized technology sector.'

Among other nominees serving BC's technology community were Judi Hess, CEO of Copperleaf Technologies Inc., Tarah Ferguson, the creator and founder of Tarah Talking

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