

2016 SACAGAWEA WINNERS ANNOUNCED

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE ... INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENTS ... PASSIONATE HEARTS ... TRAILBLAZERS ... There are no better words to describe Professional Dimensions 2016 Sacagawea Award recipients – Sandy Botcher and Katherine Gehl.

Sandy Botcher is a trailblazer who has made a tremendous impact. Through her leadership at Northwestern Mutual and in the community, she uses her diverse skills – wisdom of the law, dogged determination, and a can-do attitude -- to make a difference. Currently, as NM's Vice President of Facility Operations she is leading the team that is transforming Milwaukee's skyline ... and community. She is a woman in a male dominated field, literally breaking new ground. She has set the bar high and leapt over it. Sandy is also a trailblazer for diversity and equality, giving small businesses and previously unemployed or underemployed residents an opportunity to play an integral role in bringing the Tower and Commons to life and build skills for the future. Sandy is a mentor and role model for women, balancing a demanding career and giving back with an active family.

Katherine Gehl is an entrepreneur and business leader who has had an enormous impact in our community and on a national level. She embodies the spirit of tenacity and leadership of the award's namesake. As a fourth-generation President and CEO of Gehl Foods, Katherine led an aggressive growth strategy, driving transformation across the company. Her leadership and integrity during this time righted the company and expanded its profitability leading to an acquisition by a private-equity firm. Realizing that the company's success was because of its workers, she made sure that all employees benefited from the sale. Since leaving the company, Katherine has focused on developing Wisconsin and national political innovations to bring new and thoughtful solutions to challenging problems.

This year's winners represent the best of women in leadership positions whose impact makes a difference in the lives of others.

Join fellow Professional Dimensions members as we celebrate these winners and their accomplishments at the 2016 Sacagawea dinner on **Thursday, March 10, 2016.**