

TCTA SUPPORTS PROGRESSIVE WOMAN

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In a country which has a deep history of gender, race and cultural inequality, TCTA has never been the one to shy away from supporting initiatives that aim at ensuring that transformation of the past injustices is achieved. As part of its transformation strategy, the organisation joined the Office of the Premier and AMKA to support this year's inaugural Progressive Women Movement of South Africa, (PWMSA) Awards Ceremony. The ceremony aims at honouring SA women who paved a way for the democracy which we enjoy today.

This event was held at the Johannesburg City Hall on 1 November 2015. During this event, TCTA was allowed an opportunity to handover five awards. CRO, Mr Leonard Radzuma handed over the awards on behalf of the organisation.

Some of the struggle veterans who were honoured included Ms Nosiviwe Maphisa-Nqakula, who could not attend; and Ms Sophie de Bruyn. "These two Awards represents a milestone in our own struggle as women. I accept them in honour of all fallen heroines who sacrificed their lives for us to be free!" said Ms de Bruyn.

Other prominent women activists who received the honour included Honourable Denise Mooloo, Honourable Professor Mary Metcalfe, Honourable Nozizwe Dianna Mbombo, Honourable Dr. Gwendoline Ramokgopa to name a just few. Other women in attendance were drawn from a diverse spectrum from arts and culture, entrepreneur, academia, fashion, health care, business, politics, unions, media, Faith Based Sector and an array of other sectors.

Ms Jessie Duarte who was giving a message of support made a plea to women and society in general to unite against drug abuse and the senseless killing of innocent people.

"It is critical to harness our common humanity for the collective good of society. As much as women empowerment is part of our struggle, we must also not allow our children to be wasted by drugs" pleaded Duarte.

The PWMSA-GP is a None Profit Organisation launched in 2007 and registered under Thari –Ya-Basadi (Thari) Trust in 2011 in order to advance gender equality, economic empowerment of women and be for solidarity and advocacy for tackling development challenges women face, irrespective of race, class, religion, political and social background.

