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City business woman wins national honour

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KINGSTON — The founder and president of one of eastern Ontario's leading healthcare companies has won a prestigious award from the Black Business and Professional Association.

Belleville's Georgina Thompson, president of All-Care Health Services Ltd., was named one of this year's Harry Jerome Award winners.

"It's exhilarating to be recognized by the black community as a leader," Thompson, who won in the business excellence category, told The Whig-Standard newspaper Wednesday. "I never dreamed I'd ever be nominated or that I'd ever win it."



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The award will be presented in a gala ceremony April 26 in Toronto.

In becoming a Harry Jerome Award winner — named after one of Canada's star Olympic athletes — Thompson joins an elite group that includes former Ontario lieutenant-governor Lincoln Alexander, boxer Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter and jazz giant Oscar Peterson.

The awards were founded in 1983 to promote entrepreneurship, economic development, equity and opportunity in the black community.

Thompson's company has more than 200 staff working in Kingston, but is headquartered in Belleville.

They include registered nurses, health care aides and personal support workers.

Besides countless private clients, the company provides relief workers in all of the penitentiaries in Eastern Ontario.

It now employs more than 400 people in seven counties in eastern Ontario and has offices in Belleville, Bancroft and Kingston.

Thompson was also the founder and executive director of the Regional Hospice of Quinte, the first freestanding hospice in Canada.

In 2002, Thompson was chosen winner of The Intelligencer's Women in Business award.

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