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# YWCA honours slain Herald journalist

## Lang a 'natural fit' at Women of Vision event

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A Herald journalist who was killed in Afghanistan was given a special tribute Monday at a YWCA luncheon in honour of women leaders in Calgary.

Michelle Lang, 34, was the first Canadian journalist to die covering the war in Afghanistan.

She was killed by an improvised explosive device along with four Canadian soldiers near Kandahar city on Dec. 30.

Monday's YWCA luncheon honoured Lang, in addition to the 12 women featured on Global TV's Women of Vision series during the past year.

They were: Barbara Tien, Karen Stewart, Dr. Suzanne Tough, Beba Svigir, Jari Love, CoraMarie Clark, Cara Poppitt, Martha Cohen, Deb Laderoute, Gayla Rogers, Elaine Quilichini and Donna Moore.

"There are 12 women there who are so different from each other," said Jill Wyatt, chief executive of the YWCA.



Michelle Lang

"Each one, in their own way, is doing something totally inspirational and it's important in our lives to celebrate the good things."

Wyatt said the agency added Lang to this year's ceremony because she exemplifies its goal of developing leadership in women and girls.

"She is so representative of what we stand for," she said. "It just seemed like a

natural fit."

The YWCA recognized Lang by acknowledging her life and her work during the luncheon and presenting a plaque to Herald editor-in-chief Lorne Motley.

"It is touching to have the YWCA honour Michelle and her life in this heartfelt way," Motley said after the event.

"Michelle was a wonderful woman and journalist, and this pays tribute to her outstanding dedication and passion for life."

Lang's talent, passion and hard work earned her a 2008 National Newspaper Award — the highest honour in Canadian journalism — for her coverage of health care.

She was also honoured last week by the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Nurses Association, which renamed an award for a feature article in print reporting the Michelle Lang Award.

In addition, Canwest Publishing, which owns the Herald, has created the Michelle Lang Fellowship in Journalism.

The program, which aims to inspire a young journalist to follow in Lang's footsteps, will award up to \$10,000 every year to fund a special news project and will also fund the salary of a full-year internship for the winning candidate.

Donations to the Michelle Lang Fellowship in Journalism can be made at Scotiabank branches across Canada.

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