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Three Heroic Women Honored with 2015 Harlequin More Than Words Awards

Harlequin will donate \$15,000 to each recipient's charity

TORONTO, NEW YORK, June 17, 2015 - After 30 days and over 17,000 votes, three outstanding women were selected by popular vote to receive the 2015 Harlequin More Than Words awards. Chosen from among five finalists, Jennifer Barrera, Maggie Dunne and Lucy Steiner's commitment to service as well as the positive impact each has made in their communities resonated with [Harlequin](#) readers, fan and authors.

"We are impressed and inspired by the social challenges each of these women have not only taken on but are successfully addressing," said, Loriana Sacilotto, EVP of Global Publishing. "Each of them exemplify heroism and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate them."

Jennifer Barrera, nominated by bestselling author Marie Force, is director of [Lucy's Hearth](#), a homeless shelter for mothers and children located in Middletown, Rhode Island; Maggie Dunne, put forward by award-winning author Sarah M. Anderson, founded [Lakota Children's Enrichment](#), a nonprofit that empowers youth on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota through opportunities in the arts, education, sports, leadership and mentorship; and Lucy Steiner, nominated by Harlequin Desire author Karen Booth, is a founding member of [Be Loud! Sophie Foundation](#), an organization that supports adolescent and young-adult cancer patients and their families at UNC hospitals.

Each recipient will receive a \$15,000 donation to their respective charities and are featured in a charity spotlight on Harlequin's blog at [HarlequinBlog.com](#).

For more information about the winners and the Harlequin More Than Words Program visit <http://www.harlequinmorethanwords.com/novellas/>.

The Harlequin More Than Words program is a philanthropic initiative that aims to raise awareness about worthy causes that are of concern to women and mobilize others to take action in their communities.

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