

# Two Oakvillians up for Max Awards Woman of the Year

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## **Dr. Aliya Khan**

Khan is an internationally-recognized medical professor at McMaster University and has published more than 150 scientific papers on osteoporosis and parathyroid disease and given more than 400 international lectures.

She has received numerous awards for research, teaching and patient care.

“Whichever field a woman chooses to pursue, she should know there is no glass ceiling, as long as she’s willing to work hard and take advantages of all the opportunities that are available to her,” said Khan.

As nominee for woman of the year, Khan hopes the recognition will encourage others to “strive hard and do their best,” she said.

“It’s very important for women of all backgrounds to recognize that with hard work, we can achieve great success. It’s important for us to contribute to the well-being of our community and the global community,” said Khan.

“I try to do the best I can so we can improve the best care available, advance research in this area, so we can improve treatment options for patients.”

Khan is also an interfaith leader with the Interfaith Council of Halton and regularly speaks at churches, synagogues and mosques promoting friendship and understanding.

The Oakville professor also built the Rahma House—an orphanage/school for more than 200 refugee children in Turkey.

“It’s very important for us to be very involved in our community and to give back to our community. My success is really the success of our educational system,” said Khan.

“It’s very important for us to develop respect and friendship amongst all the communities in our country. We should be one community.”

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