ACM Celebrations of Women in Computing

Our Mission
The ACM Celebrations expand the positive impact of the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing. ACM-W supports the creation of new celebrations and provides fundraising and conference services support to these conferences.

Our History
The first regional celebration was held in Indiana (INWiC) in 2004. Today there are more than 30 Celebrations worldwide with more than 5000 participants per year.   Sponsorship from Microsoft Research has been instrumental in the success and sustainability of these events.

Celebration Structure
Each celebration is unique, but common activities include poster sessions, technical presentations, industry and graduate school panels, and career fairs. Check Gloria Townsend's book *101 Ideas for Regional Celebrations of Women in Computing,* available via the ACM-W Celebrations resources page (https://women.acm.org/acm-w-celebrations/celebration-resources/).

Starting a Celebration
Interested in starting a new celebration? Apply to be an officially recognized ACM-W celebration. We'll provide feedback based on years of experience with these conferences, helping to ensure success. Contact Wendy Powley, ACM-W Council, Coordinator of Celebrations of Women in Computing (wendy@cs.queensu.ca) to begin the application process.