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NONPROFIT WESTCHESTER IS NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR ITS 2023 KEEP WESTCHESTER THRIVING AWARDS

Awards Will Honor Individual and Organization Change Makers In Westchester County

White Plains, N.Y. (July 27, 2023) – <u>Nonprofit Westchester</u> (NPW) is thrilled to announce that the nomination process for the 2023 Keep Westchester Thriving Awards is now open. The awards ceremony is Westchester's only celebration that honors professional change makers in the nonprofit sector. To be eligible, individuals must be employed by a 501c3 NPW member organization for at least five years, and organizations must be recognized as a 501c3 and have been an NPW member for at least five years. All nominations are due by September 22, 2023.

Nonprofit changemakers are professionals or organizations who have a vision for change and have delivered concrete actions to further needed change, who have helped to develop and raise awareness on key challenges within their communities, who have collaborated with stakeholders to recognize shared goals, and who have helped shift community culture, mindsets, and behaviors.

As a celebration of the nonprofit sector, this program is a chance to honor organization and individual changemakers that have gone above and beyond in their work to address the needs of our county's most vulnerable members and to recognize the work of the sector that furthers the social, physical, emotional and economic well-being of all residents.

"Keep Westchester Thriving is not only an act of celebration, but also an important acknowledgment of the positive impact that nonprofit sector represents nearly 20% of our workforce," said Jan Fisher, Executive Director of NPW. "Every year, I find myself moved by the submissions we receive that showcase the remarkable contributions being made within the nonprofit sector in Westchester County."

Last year's winners included: Karin Anderson Ponzer, Esq., Ph.D., Director of Neighbors Link Community Law Practice; Steve Myrthil, Vice President of IT at Westhab; The Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, and The STEM Alliance.

This year's winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony hosted by NPW and opening sponsors Hudson Valley Credit Union; Maier Markey & Justic LLP; Mutual of America; Westchester Library System; and Westhab on November 29, 2023 at the Sonesta Hotel in White Plains from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person for NPW members and \$150 per person for nonmembers. There are also numerous opportunities to sponsor this inspiring event or to purchase a journal ad. The Keep Westchester Thriving Awards nomination guidelines can be found here. For any questions regarding the submission process or award criteria, contact Jan Fisher at jfisher@npwestchester.org or (914) 332-6679.

About Nonprofit Westchester

Nonprofit Westchester (NPW) is Westchester's only membership organization dedicated solely to advancing and advocating for the needs and interests of the county's nonprofit sector, the people and populations served, and the nonprofit workforce. Representing more than 300 members, NPW's vision is to build a thriving county with vibrant nonprofits and resilient, inclusive communities that value equity and inclusion, innovation, and integrity. The mission of NPW is to strengthen Westchester's nonprofit organizations as they transform lives, empower communities, and drive positive change. This mission and vision are strengthened through advocacy, education, and connection. To learn more about Nonprofit Westchester, visit their website at <u>www.npwestchester.org</u>.

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