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AWARD PRESENTATION	Allison Lake, <i>Executive Director</i>
CORPORATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD	Dawna Michelle Fields
THE EDITH C. MACY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD	Umran Beba
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Thanks for joining us in this celebration of Westchester Children's Association's unwavering commitment to all of the county's children. During this unprecedented time, they need us to fight for them. Your help sustains our efforts to protect their futures as well as all of ours.

With deep appreciation for your support of WCA,

Ann Umemoto

Ann Umemoto
WCA President

A CENTURY OF CHILD ADVOCACY

2010s

- Expanded our youth justice platform to include pretrial and young adult reforms after successfully advocating to raise the age of criminal responsibility in NYS from 16 to 18 years old.
- Launched Ground Truthing - the first nonprofit podcast in the county and GPS4kids Data Hub blending advocacy, data and community voice.
- Published *Dreams Deferred* and fought for improvements in the lives of disconnected youth, ages 16-24 not in school and not working.
- Hosted Vision 0 to 3 conference and led multi-disciplinary efforts to expand and improve early childhood supports and Home Visiting.
- Created the Vote for Kids Campaign to keep children at the top of the public agenda during election cycles.
- Preserved millions in County and State funding for vital children and youth services.
- Launched Project 2020 initiative to increase civic engagement and awareness among youth.

2000s

- Created Children By the Numbers a, comprehensive initiative to collect publish and analyze data about all aspects of children's lives; currently includes an on-line blog, annual data snapshots of the County and key communities and multi-media presentations on children's data. Used by thousands of advocates policy makers and service providers each year.
- Coordinated joint efforts of government and community agencies to enroll thousands of eligible children in free or low-cost health insurance.

- Secured the first-ever grants for all Westchester foster youth who age out of care, to help them start their independent adult lives.
- Successfully advocated for an innovative approach to social emotional health for more than 1,000 young children each year. Trained mental health specialists work in day care centers to teach staff, parents and children how to manage difficult emotions and behaviors allowing children with emotional and behavioral problems to safely benefit from early childhood education.

1990s

- In collaboration with the Westchester Council on Crime and Delinquency founded Campaign for Kids and successfully advocated for increased County investment in preventive youth programs.
- Developed a supervised visitation program to enable children from broken homes to maintain meaningful contact with noncustodial parents.
- Established the Yonkers Family Court Children's Center to care for young children whose parents have to appear as litigants.

1980s

- Established the County's first shelter for run away and homeless youth.
- Conducted a Parenting Education Program in the County's well-baby clinics
- Instituted and sponsored an annual Conference for Teens for more than two decades

1970s

- Established an early childhood center in Mt. Vernon serving emotionally disturbed preschool children and their parents.

1950s

- Placed the first clinical psychologist in the County's public schools.

1940s

- Established a child guidance center in White Plains.

1930s

- Developed a vocational guidance and placement service for youth.

1920s

- Led the movement to establish a Children's Court in Westchester, the first such court in New York State.

1910s

- Introduced child welfare workers to Westchester County. A group of citizens studied the problems of children with the goal of finding solutions. Eventually the group of citizens underwrote the salaries of Westchester's first six child welfare workers. The group of citizens became the Westchester Children's Association.

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**KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND
NEW YORK**



UNITED STATES SENATOR

October 28, 2020

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone attending "Imagine a Child," Westchester Children's Association's annual event. Congratulations to Dawna Michelle Fields, Umran Beba, and Louise De Vel Muller for your success and commitment to the advancing the wellbeing of children.

Founded in 1914, Westchester Children's Association is one of the Hudson Valley's most respected organizations and advocates for improving the lives of young people. By working with local stakeholders and engaging directly with children and their families, the organization has helped to improve the quality of life of countless young people across the county. I am grateful for Westchester Children's Association and its supporters for the work you do with young people and their families to live safe and successful lives.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and for many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand".

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator

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ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS

NEW YORK STATE SENATE, 35TH DISTRICT

PRESIDENT PRO TEM ♦ MAJORITY LEADER

October 28, 2020

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to the **Westchester Children's Association Imagine a Child Virtual Benefit**. Since 1914, this important organization has been the leading voice for children and youth of Westchester County. I am thankful for its efforts and truly honored to be part of this virtual celebration.

In recognizing the many contributions of this evening's honorees, I extend my gratitude and congratulations to **Umran Beba** recipient of the *Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service*; **Dawna Michelle Fields**, recipient of the *Corporate Children's Champion Award*; and **Louise De Vel Muller**, recipient for the *Lifetime Achievement Award*. These honorees and companies have shown true commitment to improving the lives of young people in our community, and I am grateful for their dedication to the cause.

This event would not have been possible without your support, so I appreciate you for being here virtually this evening. The **Westchester Children's Association** is well served by your involvement, and I thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of others.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Stewart-Cousins".

Andrea Stewart-Cousins
New York State Senator, 35th District
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October 28, 2020

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the **Westchester Children's Association** on its **Annual Benefit**, which is being held virtually this year. For over a hundred years, the WCA has been a proactive part of our communities, helping to shape policies and programs to support young people throughout Westchester County and throughout New York State. I would like to offer particular congratulations to the honorees of tonight's virtual event. Dawna Michelle Fields, Umran Beba, and Louise De Vel Muller have all devoted time and resources to improving the lives of children.

Dawna Michelle Fields, Associate Director of Community Affairs of Colgate-Palmolive "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures", is honored with the Corporate Children's Champion Award. For the past 20 years, Ms. Fields has been an integral part of Colgate's dental health awareness initiative. With her experience in media relations and event marketing, Ms. Fields has helped reach over 12 million children annually.

Umran Beba, former SVP of the Chief Global Diversity for Pepsico, is honored with the Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service. Ms. Beba has worked with Pepsico for 25 years in four different locations, which include Istanbul, Hong Kong, Dubai, and New York. She has served as Chief HR Officer and Chief Diversity Officer throughout her career, and has spearheaded several transformative projects including work shaping culture, mentoring, coaching, and diversity and inclusion agenda setting.

Louise De Vel Muller, the former Westchester Children's Association Board Member and President, is honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. De Vel Muller has been a dedicated advocate and leader for children and families across Westchester County. Her work as President of WCA and later as Honorary Board member has been recognized across the county and the state.

To the honorees of this event, I congratulate all of you on your commitment to our community. Your work has built a solid foundation that upholds the mission of WCA which will last for generations. Thank you again to the WCA for its unwavering vision and dedication.

Kind regards,

Shelley B. Mayer

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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

October 28, 2020

Westchester Children's Association
470 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 304
White Plains, NY 10605

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to all those who participate in Westchester Children's Association's 2020 Annual Benefit, held virtually to maintain a safe social distance, as we continue to address the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Empire State is home to exceptional organizations and initiatives that serve the needs of our more vulnerable populations, making a significant and positive difference in their lives. Since 1914, Westchester Children's Association has advocated for children in Westchester County, on a wide array of issues, large and small, that affect the health, well-being, and happiness of our youngest residents. WCA identifies needs, raises awareness, and works to educate and shape policy that will improve the lives of Westchester's at-risk children and their families.

Tonight, you come together virtually to look back at a year of accomplishments and to pay tribute to those individuals and entities whose efforts advance your worthy mission and I join in congratulating Umran Beba, Louise De Vel Muller, and Dawna Michelle Fields of Colgate Palmolive Company. As well, the humanitarian spirit of your many generous supporters and benefactors makes it possible to continue delivering life-changing opportunities, promising a brighter future for everyone.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a safe and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

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ANDREW M. CUOMO

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George Latimer
County Executive

October 28, 2020

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to send greetings to Westchester Children's Association and its supporters on the occasion of your "Imagine A Child..." virtual benefit. Since 1914, Westchester Children's Association has identified the needs of children in our community. They have worked to address many issues including housing, early childhood support, youth development and youth justice, and have made positive impacts on lives of our youngest residents. I'm proud to recognize them for their outstanding work and look forward to a time when we can celebrate together.

Congratulations to this year's honorees – Dawna Michelle Fields, Umran Beba and Louise De Vel Muller. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their great level of commitment and dedication to our community.

Best wishes to everyone for a successful fundraiser.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Latimer".

George Latimer
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October 28, 2020

I am pleased to offer my congratulations on the occasion of the Westchester Children's Association annual benefit.

Since its founding in 1914, WCA has honored its mission to "improve the lives of Westchester's young people." By collecting and analyzing data, WCA is able to help shape policies and create programs that meet the needs of young people. WCA is the only independent, child advocacy nonprofit in the county devoted to guaranteeing that each child enjoys a safe, healthy life and is well prepared for challenges that may arise. It has provided exemplary service to the children of Westchester County.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to this year's stellar honorees, Dawna Michelle Fields- Corporate Children's Champion Award; Umran Beba – Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service; Louise De Vel Muller – Lifetime Achievement Award.

Please accept my best wishes for a joyous evening with much to celebrate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Abinanti".

Thomas J. Abinanti

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NEWYORK STATE SENATE
ALBANY, NY 12247

ALESSANDRA R. BIAGGI
SENATOR

Westchester Children's Association
237 Mamaroneck Avenue,
White Plains, NY 10605

October 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the Westchester Children's Association 2020 Virtual Journal. I would like to extend my congratulations to this year's honorees: Dawna Michelle Fields, Umran Beba, and Louise De Vel Mulleri. Thank you for your generous support of the Westchester community.

The Westchester Children's Association is dedicated to assisting the youth of Westchester and prioritizing their success by implementing programs and guidelines aimed specifically for them. The Westchester Children's Association works closely with nonprofits to get first hand testimony from young people and their families, and helps strengthen our community from the ground up. I am grateful for your service to Westchester and New York City, and your commitment to the children of District 34.

Best wishes on your event and the continued success for your organization.

With gratitude,

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Alessandra Biaggi
New York State Senator, District 34

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October 28, 2020

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Westchester Children's Association on its "Imagine a Child" Annual Benefit. I welcome all the individuals who are gathered virtually tonight to celebrate the great work and mission of WCA.

It is my great pleasure to pay tribute to this year's distinguished honorees Dawna Michelle Fields, Umran Beba and Louise De Vel Muller for generously sharing their time and exceptional talents to further WCA's mission of providing critically important social services to young children and families in our local communities. Together these individuals inspire us with their steadfast commitment to improve the lives of our youth and I am honored to recognize their many contributions.

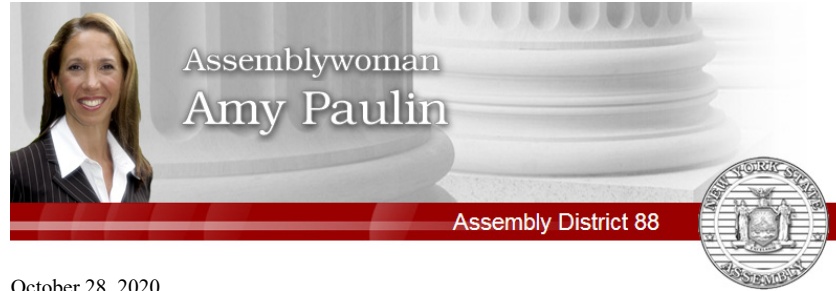
WCA has been on the forefront of fighting for the needs of our youth and has played an important role in advocating for raise the age and other criminal justice policies affecting teenagers. Their outstanding research and educational workshops have been invaluable to parents, educators and policy-makers and I would like to acknowledge everyone at WCA for their dedicated service.

Congratulations to all the honorees and much continued success to the Westchester Children's Association.

Warm regards,

Steve Otis
State Assemblyman

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October 28, 2020

Dear Friends of Westchester Children's Association,

It is with great pleasure that I recognize Westchester Children's Association (WCA) for its continuous work on behalf of our most vulnerable young people since 1914. Having served as Vice President of this terrific organization, it is of no surprise to me that since the start of this pandemic, WCA has been advocating and educating on issues such as access to healthcare, racism and discrimination, medical leave and educational support for our children and families.

I am pleased to congratulate this year's honorees, Louise De Vel Muller, Umran Beba and Dawna Michelle Fields. To say that Louise ("Lou") Muller is deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award is an understatement. Ms. Muller has held numerous leadership positions and has devoted her life to helping families at the local, county, state and national levels. She has been a part of Westchester Children's Association for over 30 years and has served as president of its Board. As the recipient of the Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service, Umran Beba has championed diversity and inclusion, leading and offering programs to help women and families throughout her career and throughout Westchester. The Corporate Children's Champion Award has been given to Dawna Michelle Fields. As National Program Director of the "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures" program at Colgate-Palmolive Company, Ms. Fields has been helping children and families across the United States for the past 21 years. She has worked to ensure that 12 million children annually have optimal dental health.

Thanks to Westchester Children's Association and all of its supporters and congratulations on *Imagine a Child...*! I wish you all continued success as you help to pursue WCA's essential mission to advocate for effective policies and programs in order to improve the lives of Westchester's youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amy R. Paulin'.

Amy R. Paulin
Member of Assembly

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October, 2020

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to join with the **Westchester Children's Association** on its Annual Celebration, Dream Big 2020 Gala Event. I am truly pleased to recognize the notable accomplishments and dedication of this great organization to ensure that all children receive the proper services necessary to succeed in life.

Throughout the years, the **Westchester Children's Association** continues to be a unique support system to hundreds of families. The effort continually put forth by the Association to provide the proper tools and resources to children and their families that will allow them to learn and grow together is truly commendable and I applaud you on a job well done.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to **Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Andrew and Evelyn Yang, John Ravitz** and **ENT and Allergy Associates, LLP**, 2020 honorees saluted for the occasion.

Congratulations again to the **Westchester Children's Association** as you celebrate your Gala and may this gathering be one of lasting memories.

Sincerely,

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J. Gary Pretlow
Member of NYS Assembly
89th District

WCA BENEFIT AWARDS

THE EDITH C. MACY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

ESTABLISHED 2005

The Edith C. Macy Distinguished Service Award will recognize and honor an individual or group with an outstanding record of advocacy and accomplishments which have substantially benefitted children in Westchester.

With this award, WCA honors the memory of Edith Carpenter Macy, advocate, activist and benefactor on behalf of children. For over two decades until her death in 1924, Edith Macy demonstrated pioneering philanthropic work and a great talent for networking and organizing which resulted in innovative programs, services and policy initiatives benefiting poor children in New York City and in Westchester County.

In 1914, the Children's Committee was incorporated as the Westchester Children's Association, and Mrs. Macy continued for years as its Vice President and dynamic leader. Edith Carpenter Macy remains today an inspiration to WCA members and other child advocates for her sustained dedication, leadership, hard work and generosity for the improvement of the lives of children, wherever they are.

PAST HONOREES

2007 Kathryn Wasserman Davis, PhD	2015 award not given
2008 Dr. Philip Landrigan	2016 Allan Houston
2009 African American Men of Westchester, Inc.	2017 Eileen Fisher
2010 Eileen Santiago, EdD	2018 John and Brenda Fareri and Dr. Michael Gewitz
2011 award not given	2019 Nicholas Kristof
2012 Peter Herrero	
2013 Genevieve Piturro	
2014 Patricia Lanza (awarded posthumously)	

CORPORATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD

ESTABLISHED 2017

Westchester Children's Association's Corporate Children's Champion Award recognizes and honors a business or organization with an outstanding record of advocacy, actions and/or philanthropy that has substantially benefitted young people in Westchester.

PAST HONOREES

- 2017 The Westchester Bank
- 2018 Richard French III and Regional News Network
- 2019 PCSB Bank

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ESTABLISHED 2018

The WCA Lifetime Achievement Award is intended for individuals with noteworthy years of dedication to improving the lives of children and recognizes the significant impact these individuals have had on the greater Westchester community.

PAST HONOREES

- 2018 Cora Greenberg
- 2019 Karen Blumenthal

Umran Beba

Honoree

THE EDITH C. MACY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Umran Beba is an experienced senior business executive with general management, talent and diversity background. Close to 35 years of experience in Consumer Goods Industry where 25 years was with PepsiCo in four different locations namely Istanbul, Hong Kong, Dubai and New York. She was the Asia Pacific President of PepsiCo following president and general management roles in South East Europe, East Mediterranean /Middle East and Turkey. She has been in Chief HR Officer and Chief Diversity Officer roles in her career and managed several transformation projects as well as executive recruitment, talent pipeline building, culture shaping, mentoring, coaching, diversity and inclusion agenda setting and execution and human capital management initiatives.

She has been an independent non-executive board director for Bakkavor Group plc, a publicly traded company in London stock exchange since September 2020 and was an independent non-executive board director for five years (2010-2015) in Japan Calbee Snacks, a public company in Tokyo. She is currently on the board of International Youth Foundation as a co-vice chair of the board and Neighbors Link as a board member. She is a trustee of Purchase College Foundation board and has an overseers role in Columbia University School of Professional Studies. She has been in the Future Council community of World Economic Forum for the last eight years.

Since June 2020, she is a partner at August Leadership which is specialized in retained executive search and consulting. She lives in CT, USA with her family.

Dawna Michelle Fields

Honoree

CORPORATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD



Dawna Michelle is the Associate Director of Community Affairs of Colgate-Palmolive Company's "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures". For past 20 years, she has managed the company's integrated dental health awareness initiative that is targeted at children and families across the United States. With demonstrated experience in public relations, event marketing, media relations, and coalition-building, she utilizes these skills to access more than 12 million children annually on behalf of Colgate. She is charged with building and managing external and internal partnerships.

Prior to Colgate, Dawna Michelle was a Vice President of Event Marketing for GW&J Marketing Communications where she created Western Union International's community outreach efforts to emerging markets in more than 32 ethnic communities throughout the nation and abroad. She also served as Manager of Public Relations and Public Affairs for the *New York Daily News* and Director of Public Relations at Circulation Experti, Ltd. where she served as lead on several accounts including, Seven-Up, Philip Morris, Ciba-Geigy, Chesebrough-Pond's, Wonder Bread and Miller Brewing.

Dawna Michelle is a member of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Legacy Life; Black Women's Agenda; the NAACP; NY Coalition of 100 Black Women; The Continental Societies, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; The Links, Incorporated, and served on the committee for Selective Corporate Internship Program (SCIP) mentoring young adults. Her career in community outreach is its own reward, however she has received honors from many respected organizations: The New York Women's Agenda Star Award; The Links, Inc.; National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; Sister to Sister; Black Agency Executives; African American Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women; Atena's African American History Calendar; The Continental Societies; SCIP; The Network Journal; and she was selected as the Estee Lauder/Project Legacy's "Pearl Award" for her "can-do" spirit.

Dawna Michelle is a graduate of Fordham University (BA/MA-English Literature) and she attended George Washington University as an undergraduate. She is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, NY and resides in Westchester County, New York. She also spends time at her family's homesteads in rural Virginia and North Carolina.

"If I can help somebody, as I pass along; if I can cheer somebody, with a word or song; if I can show somebody, how they're travelling wrong; then my living shall not be in vain."

Louise De Vel Muller

Honoree

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Louise Muller has devoted her life to the children and families of Westchester County, New York, and the country more broadly. A longtime Pelham resident, she has served in numerous leadership positions at the local, county, state and national levels and has been repeatedly recognized for her leadership and her work.

Her leadership positions in the area of public education, spanning all levels of government, have included: election to the Pelham Board of Education for 9 years (1973 to 1982) and serving as its President from 1980 to 1982; President of the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (1977-1979) and a former Pelham PTA President. Lou was elected to the Southern Westchester BOCES Board where she was a member for 19 years (1985 to 2004), including President (2000 to 2003). Lou was liaison to the National School Boards Association for Congresswoman Nita Lowey for 14 years (1990 to 2004); elected Area Director of the NY State School Boards Association (1980 to 1983) as well as chair of that organization's Program Committee; and member of the Lower Hudson Principals' Center Policy Board (1989 to 1995).

Her leadership positions in the area of improving the lives of children and families include serving on the Board of the Westchester Children's Association (WCA) from 1985 to 2009, President from 1992 to 1996, and Board Chair from 1996 to 2001. She has served as an Honorary Board member of WCA since 2010. Lou also served on the Westchester Coalition of Family Violence Agencies from 1990 to 2001, including as former chair of the school Policy Committee. While in that position, Lou co-authored a report on school policy for domestic violence education. She is a former member of the Westchester County Women's Advisory Board, Westchester 2000's Education Committee; County Office for the Aging Education Advisory Committee and chair of its K-12 subcommittee, where she authored a report on intergenerational activities in the schools. Lou has served as a member of the Pelham League of Women Voters, a member of the Pelham Art Center and the Junior League of Pelham.

Lou Muller has a Bachelor of Arts degree, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude from Mount Holyoke College (1954) and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the Harvard/Radcliffe Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (1958). She studied at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, and was a student intern for the Berlin City Government Work Relief Program.

Lou has received numerous awards in tribute to her substantial impact to her community, broadly defined. Most notably, she received the National Association of Child Advocates' Volunteer Advocate Award, the NASW of Westchester Public Citation Award for services to the community, the YWCA of New Rochelle Civic Award for service to children and families, and the Thomas Fenlon Award for service to education in Pelham.

Lou Muller was married to Frank Muller for 52 years, until he passed away in 2009. She has 3 sons, 3 daughters in law, and 6 grandchildren. Born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, she is an avid potter, outdoors person, music fan and political activist.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANNY/LOUISE/MOM [MULLER]

FOR THIS MOST DESERVED AND WONDERFUL WCA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD!

A tribute to our grandmother – deeply dedicated to children in her own family, community and in worlds far beyond:



“My grandmother has been one of my biggest role models for as long as I can remember. She’s always pushed all of us grandchildren to be knowledgeable and contributing members of society and our communities, to know what’s going on around us, and to have informed thoughts on, well, everything. Knowing her story means knowing what it means to take that knowledge and use it for the betterment of others. I aspire to be like her: to push myself to always know more, and to make a difference whenever and wherever I can. Love you Granny!” – *Ben Muller*

“I feel so lucky and am so grateful that I get to spend time with Granny more so now than I did growing up (due to living in NY). Visiting granny is always wonderful - not only because she feeds us, but because she is always so interesting and engaging to spend time with. This stems from a deep curiosity in her neighborhood, her community, this country, the world, but also a sincere and compassionate empathy for all.” – *Elena Muller*

“My grandmother has always supported my education and success in life. Westchester County is lucky that Louise Muller took the time to support the lives of other children as well.” – *Ryan Muller*

“I have never met someone so perceptive and aware of what’s going on around her - from her immediate community to the broader world. She is fascinated with learning new things and takes pleasure in spreading that knowledge. She has taught me how important it is to give back and has never failed to support me, her family, and those around her.” – *Sarah Muller*

“Granny/Lou is one of the most selfless women I know. She cares so deeply for those around her and the dedication she has shown to her local community is truly incredible. She is a genuine role model for both her family and anyone who has the pleasure of crossing paths with her.” – *Emily Muller*

“It’s hard to think about what I admire most about my grandmother since so much of who she is and what she has accomplished thus far in life continually inspire and awe me, but I will say that her dedication to improving the lives of those around her is near the top of the list. I am lucky to have such a wonderful woman in my life to look up to and have by my side. I can’t think of someone more deserving of this award!!” – *Marion Muller*



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Congratulations to Umran Beba on an honor well deserved!

You are a true leader and your commitment, partnership and dedication to the community has been an inspiration.

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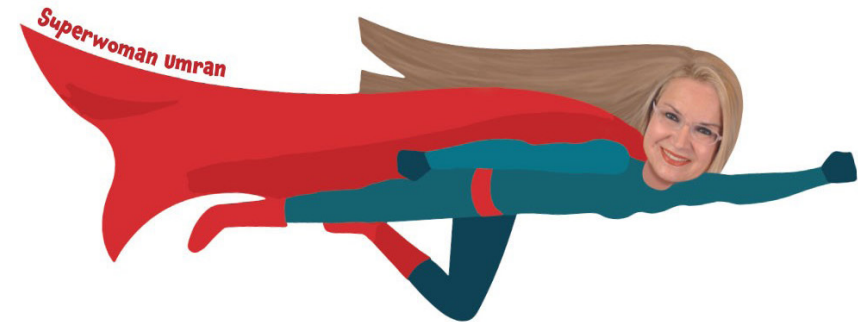
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Congratulations to this year's winning combination for Children's Advocacy:

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Louise De Vel Muller

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For keeping advocacy for children going
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We join in celebrating Louise De Vel Muller

for her commitment and creative service
to the children of Westchester County,
and for the lives she has touched with
her enthusiasm and dedication.

Love,
Lou's book group

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to care for somebody else,
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Congratulations to Lou Muller,

a most remarkable champion for children at
WCA for more than thirty years

and

A huge thank you to Allison and the entire WCA staff

for the wonderful work
that you do on behalf of Westchester's youth.

**With my gratitude and affection,
Karen Blumenthal**

*Stephanie and Doug Gould
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WE CONNECT!

We convene and lead conversations to build a shared agenda addressing those needs.

WE ACT!

We advocate and mobilize parents, youth, and concerned citizens to support effective solutions that improve kids' lives.

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How your donations improve children's lives

\$10,000 Finances design and publication of WCA's unique resources, including our production of our Ground Truthing podcast, our annual Data Bulletin, and Community Snapshots about young people from every Westchester neighborhood.

\$7,500 Allows WCA to investigate new issues like childhood homelessness and sustain work on challenges faced by disconnected youth ages 16-24 through our Connecting Youth workgroup.

\$5,000 Supports Project 2020 civic engagement initiative and advancement of the Remote Learning Agenda for Westchester families.

\$4,000 Enables WCA to launch new initiatives such as Project 2020, a voter engagement program focused on amplifying youth voice and empowering young people to become engaged voters of the future.

\$3,500 Educates the public and policy makers about key children's issues at forums and events such as our annual Kathryn W. Davis Child Advocacy Lecture.

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