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2022 Spring Benefit

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Celebrating Westchester's
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Honoring

Judge Judy Sheindlin & Nicole Sheindlin

Her Honor Mentoring

WITH THE Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service

Building & Realty Institute of Westchester

WITH THE Children's Champion Award

Dr. Katherine Lobach

Past WCA Board President and Chair

WITH THE Lifetime Achievement Award

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OPENING REMARKS	Allison Lake, WCA Executive Director
AWARD PRESENTATION	Kayla Fagan, Her Honor Mentee
THE EDITH C. MACY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD	Judge Judy & Nicole Sheindlin , Her Honor Mentoring
AUCTION	Erica L. Ayala
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AWARD PRESENTATION	Robin Williams, WCA Board Member
CORPORATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD	Building & Realty Institute of Westchester – Tim Foley
AWARD PRESENTATION	Ann Umemoto, WCA Board President
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	Dr. Katherine Lobach , Past WCA Board President & Chair
CLOSING REMARKS	Maris Krasnow, EdD, WCA Board Chairperson

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Ann Umemoto
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Welcome to the WCA 2022 Spring Benefit!

We want to thank our kind and generous supporters for sustaining us during these unusual times. Without you, WCA could not keep fighting for what is best for the children of our county.

The past few years have not been easy on families. In response to the pandemic, there were many changes, big and small. The economy has taken a hard hit. Our fragmented health system had to figure out how to care for those who got sick and underinsured. Schools had to change the way they teach. We all had to learn new ways to support each other.

WCA has remained committed to seeking improvements for children in 4 key areas:

- **Education:** advocating for equitable digital access required to learn in today's world and social and emotional support to address the mental health crisis of our children
- **Housing and Child Homelessness:** gathering data so we can understand the size of the problem and fighting not only for affordable housing but for services needed to get out of homelessness
- **Youth Justice:** supporting young people who have gotten in trouble to get back on the path to productive lives in school and community
- **Funding:** promoting the interests of children in governmental funding from tax credits for families to expanding home visiting services.

We applaud the honorees of our 2022 Spring Benefit tonight's for being fierce advocates for children and families. Their successes should encourage all of us to be bolder in our actions.

WCA is also grateful to you: our partners, Board, and staff. We will continue to work on behalf of the children of our county, so they remain healthy, safe, and prepared for life's challenges regardless of zip code or race.

Sincerely,

Allison Lake
WCA Executive Director

Ann Umemoto
WCA Board President



Allison Lake
Executive Director

108 Years of Child Advocacy...And Counting

Est. in 1914

A group of citizens starts Westchester Children's Association, underwriting the salaries of Westchester's first 6 child welfare workers.

- Led the movement to establish a Children's Court in Westchester, the first in New York State.
- Placed the first clinical psychologist in the county's public schools.
- Initiated Operations Crossroads, connecting children and families involved in the Family Court with needed services and programs.

1990s

- Founded the Campaign for Kids, which now comprises of more than 80 organizations.
- Established the Yonkers Family Court Children's Center to care for young children whose parents had to appear as litigants (now operated by YWCA of Yonkers).
- Formed the Child Health Task Force with the Westchester County Department of Health to prepare for the expansion of statesponsored health insurance for children.

2000s

- Secured \$7+ million of Westchester County funding for children and youth services and made children a top priority for government spending.
- Convenes an inter-agency Home Visiting Workgroup to expand early childhood home visiting programs to help new parents improve their parenting skills and connect to community resources.
- Convenes the Connecting Youth Workgroup with representatives from public and private organizations to improve outcomes for youth ages 16 to 24 who are not working or in school.

2010s

- Secured the first-ever grant for Westchester's foster youth who age out of care to help them start their independent adult lives.
- Coordinated government and community agencies to enroll more than 10,000 eligible children in free or low-cost health insurance.
- Published "Making the Invisible Visible: Child and Youth Homelessness" report in 2019 and the Westchester County Child and Youth Homelessness Data Dashboard in 2020 to monitor the experiences of homeless children and advocate for affordable housing and a more universal definition of homelessness.
- Launched Remote Learning Parents Survey in 2020 and the Digital Access Survey in 2022 to monitor rates of internet access and help families gain digital literacy

WE EDUCATE!

WE CONNECT!

WE ACT!

WE PERSEVERE!

We analyze data, publish information, and host events to educate the public and policy-makers about children's needs.

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

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

Our work results in long-term improvements for children and benefits thousands.

George Latimer, Westchester County Executive



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George Latimer
County Executive

June 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to send greetings to the Westchester Children's Association and its supporters on the occasion of your 2022 Annual Spring State Luncheon. Westchester's forecast is positive for children and youth. Since 1914, Westchester Children's Association has identified the needs of thousands of children in our community.

Current allocations to Nicole Shindler and Julie Shekellin, who will be receiving the P2000 Plus Award for Uninterrupted Service. The mother-daughter duo has made it their mission to provide out-of-home training opportunities and resources for young women through *Her House* advocacy.

I would also like to commend this year's honorees – The Building and Realty Institute of Westchester; the group will be receiving the WCA Corporate Children's Champion Award and Dr. Kathleen Lebrock, who will be receiving the WCA Lifetime Achievement Award.

We owe them a debt of gratitude for their great level of commitment and dedication to our community.

I am proud to recognize the Westchester Children's Association and this year's honorees for their outstanding work and advances.

Best wishes to everyone for a successful fundraiser.

Sincerely,

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Senate Majority Leader



Andrea Stewart-Cousins
New York State Senate, 35th District
President Pro Tem ♦ Majority Leader

June 1st, 2022

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to congratulate this year's *Westchester Children's Association Annual Spring Benefit Honorees*. Moreover, I am pleased that this special event honoring deserving individuals and corporations that advocate and support WCA, is able to be held in person this year.

Westchester Children's Association (WCA) is a multi-issue, child advocacy nonprofit that works to ensure children in Westchester are healthy, safe, and prepared for life's challenges. Since 1914, WCA has helped to amplify the voices of many, by identifying their needs, making those needs known to the public, and ensuring those needs are met through advocacy and mobilization efforts.

I join you all in recognizing and honoring this year's honorees: Nicole Sheindlin and Judge Judy Sheindlin, *WCA Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service*, Building & Realty Institute (BRI) of Westchester, *WCA Corporate Children's Champion Award*, and Dr. Katherine Lobach, *WCA Lifetime Achievement Award*.

Westchester Children's Association (WCA) is well-served by your involvement, and I thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of others.

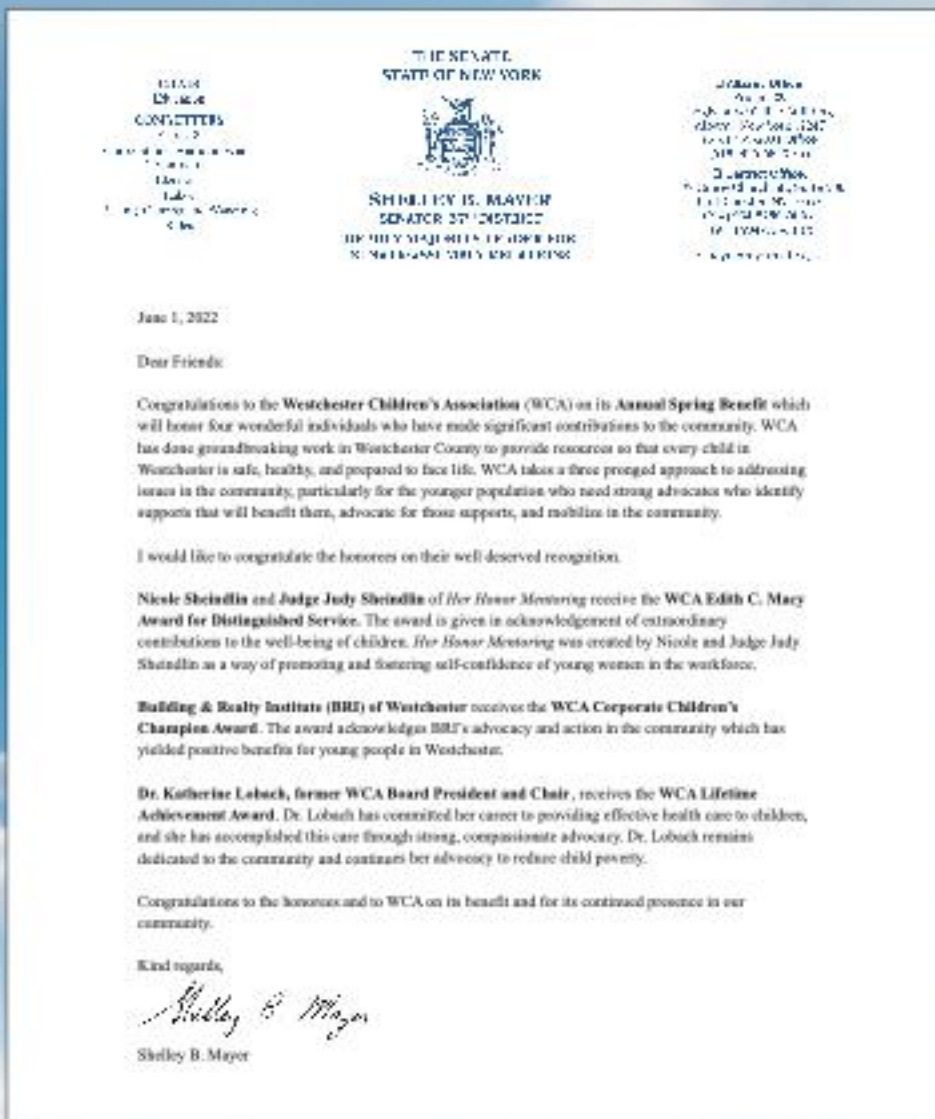
Best Wishes,

Andrea Stewart-Cousins
New York State Senator, 35th District
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May 25, 2022

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to celebrate the Westchester Children's Association's extraordinary achievements and this year's distinguished honorees during the WCA Annual Spring Benefit. Since 1914, the Westchester Children's Association (WCA) has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to ensuring the health and safety of the children of Westchester. The organization strives to improve and identify the needs of our young people by advocating for their concerns and ensuring their voices are heard. In the wake of an unprecedented crisis, WCA has been a beacon for young people and their families navigating through the difficult and urgent challenges of the pandemic and beyond. From advocacy on behalf of vulnerable New Yorkers facing child and youth homelessness to their work advancing digital access, education, youth justice, and employment, WCA continues to make a positive difference in the lives of countless New Yorkers.

Congratulations to this year's honorees and awardees, Nicole Sheindlin and Judge Judy Sheindlin of Her Honor Mentoring, the Building & Realty Institute (BRI) of Westchester, and Dr. Katherine Lobach on this well-deserved recognition of their extraordinary work and contributions to WCA and the entire Westchester community. Among their many accomplishments, their long-standing leadership, support, and advocacy for young people has had a transformative impact on our district, county, and state.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the members of WCA along with the volunteers, and supporters of WCA and its dedicated team for the important work they're doing for our communities and the next generation of leaders. As we continue on our path to recovery from COVID-19, thank you for supporting WCA at this critical moment when their services are needed more than ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamal T. Bailey".

Jamal T. Bailey
New York State Senator
District 36

Alessandra Biaggi, New York State Senator



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ALESSANDRA T. BIAGGI
SENATOR

Westchester Children's Association
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May 25, 2022

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to this year's Westchester Children's Association honorees— Nicole Sheindlin, Judge Judy Sheindlin, Westchester Building & Realty Institute and Dr. Katherine Lobach. Thank you for your contributions to our communities.

The Westchester Children's Association has worked tirelessly to ensure that every child in our community is safe, healthy, and prepared to face whatever challenges lie ahead. Through advocacy and mobilization efforts, WCA has been Westchester's leading voice in identifying, amplifying, and ensuring that community needs are met. Thank you for making it your mission to connect with our youth by providing them with not only preventive health care as well as with unique learning opportunities and resources that allow them to build relationships and grow their businesses. Your ongoing efforts to assist District 34 families and children are greatly appreciated.

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

With Gratitude,

Alessandra Biaggi

Pete Harckham, New York State Senator



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June 1, 2022

Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Westchester Children's Association (WCA) 2022 Spring Benefit. I am delighted to recognize WCA and the exemplary work the organization does to ensure that each child in Westchester County has access to a safe, healthy and successful future.

Since 1914, Westchester Children's Association has remained steadfast in its commitment to improving the quality of life for Westchester's youth. A leader in child advocacy, WCA works diligently to shape public policy and implement programs designed to meet the unique needs of children and their families in our communities.

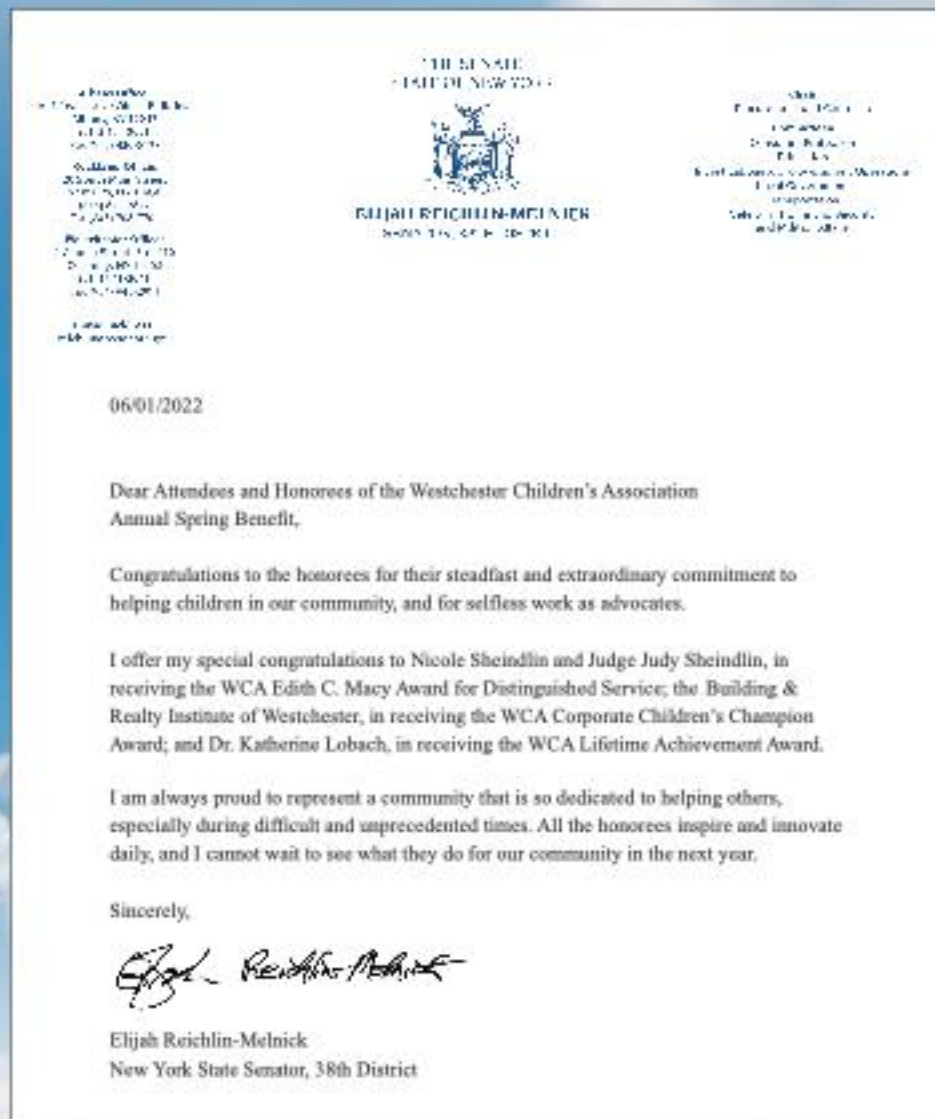
Congratulations to this year's honorees: Nicole Sheindlin and Judge Judy Sheindlin, founders of *Her Honor Mentoring* and recipients of the Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service; Building & Realty Institute of Westchester, recipient of the Corporate Children's Champion Award; and Dr. Katherine Lobach, former WCA Board President and Chair and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. I am grateful for their partnerships with WCA and commend their efforts to improve the lives of young people in Westchester.

Best wishes to WCA and this year's honorees on their continued success.

Sincerely,

Senator Pete Harckham
New York Senate District 40

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May 25, 2022

Westchester Children's Association

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Westchester Children's Association Annual as it celebrates its Spring Benefit. The WCA's continued efforts to provide children a healthy and safe environment deserves our respect and gratitude.

I also congratulate this year's honorees: Nicole Sheindlin and Judge Judy Scheindlin of Her Honor Mentoring, recipients of the Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service; the Building & Realty Institute of Westchester, recipient of the Corporate Children's Champion, honored for its Welcome Home Westchester Campaign; Dr. Katherine Lobach, who served the WCA as Board President and Chair, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

These honorees personify WCA's mission "to improve the lives of Westchester's young people by shaping policies and programs to meet their needs and by keeping their well-being at the top of the public agenda."

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Abinanti

Chris Burdick, New York State Assemblyman



June 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

Heartiest congratulations to the 2022 honorees of the Westchester Children's Association. The unique contributions that each of you have made to the wellbeing of children in our county are each outstanding in their own way. I salute Judge Judy Sheindlein and Nicole Sheindlein for the powerful learning opportunities they provide through "Her Honor Mentoring"; the Building and Realty Institute of Westchester for their essential "Welcome Home Westchester" collaboration with WCA; and Board Member and pediatrician Dr. Katherine Loboek, MD, for her outstanding advocacy for children in need. The difference that you have made in the lives of children has truly advanced the Westchester Children's Association's mission of recognizing and meeting the pressing needs of the youngest among us, and your incredible work has strengthened our society. Kudos to all the honorees and to the Westchester Children's Association.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Burdick".

Chris Burdick
Assemblymember, 93rd District



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Steve Otis, New York State Assemblyman



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June 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Westchester Children's Association (WCA) on its Spring Benefit. This annual event supports the research, leadership, advocacy and programs provided by the WCA.

We are also here to pay tribute to this year's distinguished honorees. The Edith C. Macy Award recipients, Judge Judith "Judy" Sheindlin and Nicole Sheindlin are being honored for their outstanding advocacy and accomplishments benefitting children. Through their founding of Her Honor Mentoring, they have provided opportunities and resources for young women by partnering them with strong, positive female role models. This program has touched the lives of hundreds of young women from schools throughout the Bronx, Rockland and Westchester counties with our business community.

As recipients of the Corporate Children's Champion Awards, the Building and Realty Institute (BRI) of Westchester has done an outstanding job of providing affordable housing through the "Welcome Home Westchester" initiative, collaborating with WCA and other non-profits with information to make good housing policies that will lead to more affordable housing units.

Dr. Katherine Lobach is a deserving recipient of the WCA Lifetime Achievement Award for her leadership as a member of the WCA Board of Directors and as Board President, tirelessly working to expand daycare programs and mental health services for children.

All these honorees have worked in partnership with WCA to be on the forefront of fighting for the needs of our youth. Congratulations to these recipients and everyone supporting the mission and goals of the Westchester Children's Association.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Otis".

Steven Otis
State Assemblyman

Amy Paulin, New York State Assemblywoman



June 1, 2022

Dear Friends of Westchester Children's Association,

On behalf of the New York State Assembly, I am delighted to honor Westchester Children's Association on the occasion of its 2022 Spring Benefit. The organization has done great work in ensuring that every child in Westchester is healthy, safe and prepared for life's challenges. Since 1914, Westchester Children's Association has worked to identify the needs of Westchester's children and youth, making those needs known and making sure they are met.

The work of extraordinary members of the community, as well as local organizations, provides essential support that allows Westchester Children's Association to uphold its mission. Therefore, in celebration of their child advocacy work, it is my great pleasure to recognize this year's honorees, Nicole Sheindlin and Judge Judy Sheindlin, who are receiving *The WCA Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service*, the Building & Realty Institute of Westchester, which is receiving *The WCA Corporate Children's Champion Award* and Dr. Katherine Lobach, who is receiving *The WCA Lifetime Achievement Award*.

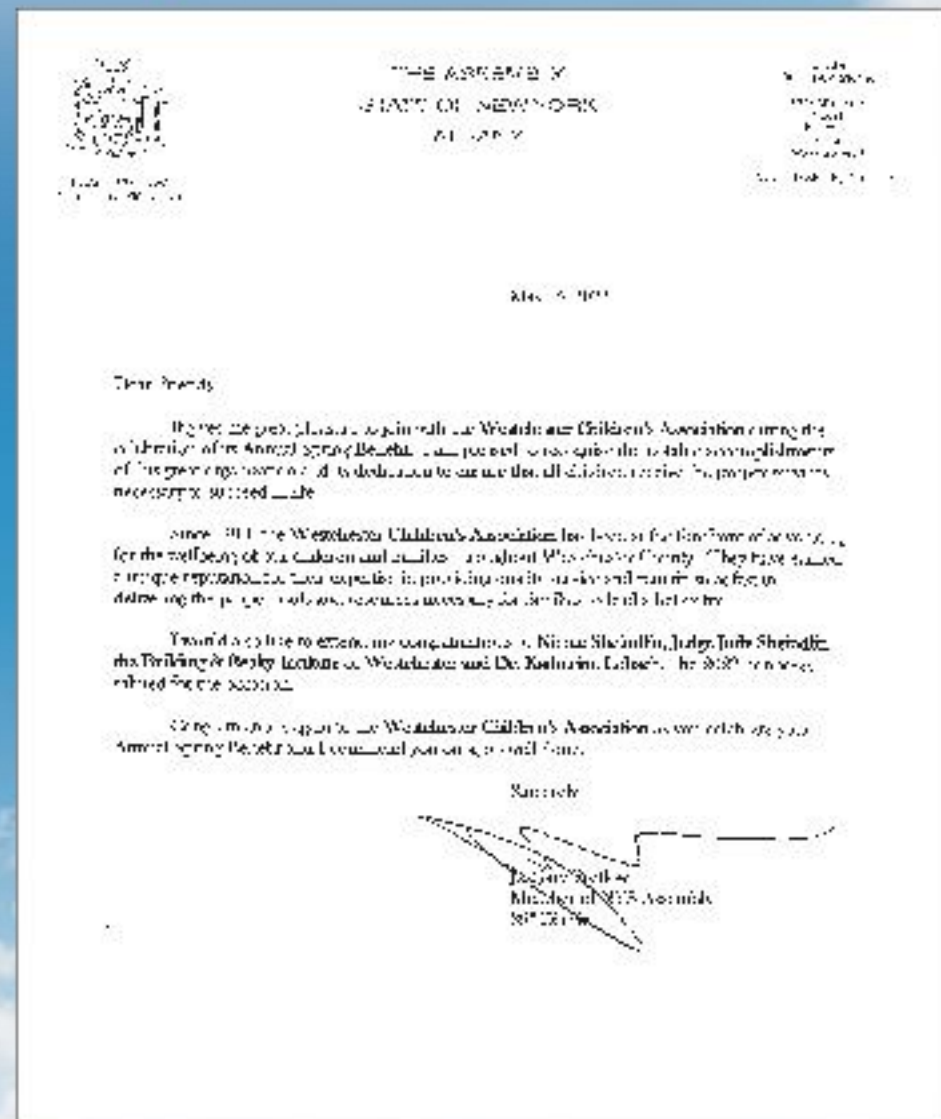
Thanks to Westchester Children's Association, its honorees and all its supporters, for your tireless efforts on behalf of our community. I wish you all continued success.

Sincerely,

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Amy R. Paulin
Member of Assembly

J. Gary Pretlow, New York State Assemblyman



Nader Sayegh, New York State Assemblyman



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May 24, 2022

Westchester Children's Association
Children's Champions Since 1914

On the occasion of the Westchester Children's Association Annual Spring Benefit, let me commend the work of the WCA to ensure that every child in our community is healthy and safe and is prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. The WCA is not new to this important work, but the organization continues to move forward as the challenges of our times, including a global pandemic, continue to present themselves.

Congratulations to this year's Spring Benefit Honorees, Nicole Scheindlin and Judge Judy Scheindlin of Her Honor Mentoring, receiving the Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service. Judge Judy is not only a famous television personality, but with Nicole Scheindlin mentors young women to boost self-confidence in the workplace and everyday life.

My best regards for the Building & Realty Institute of Westchester, the WCA's Corporate Children's Champion, honored for its Welcome Home Westchester Campaign.

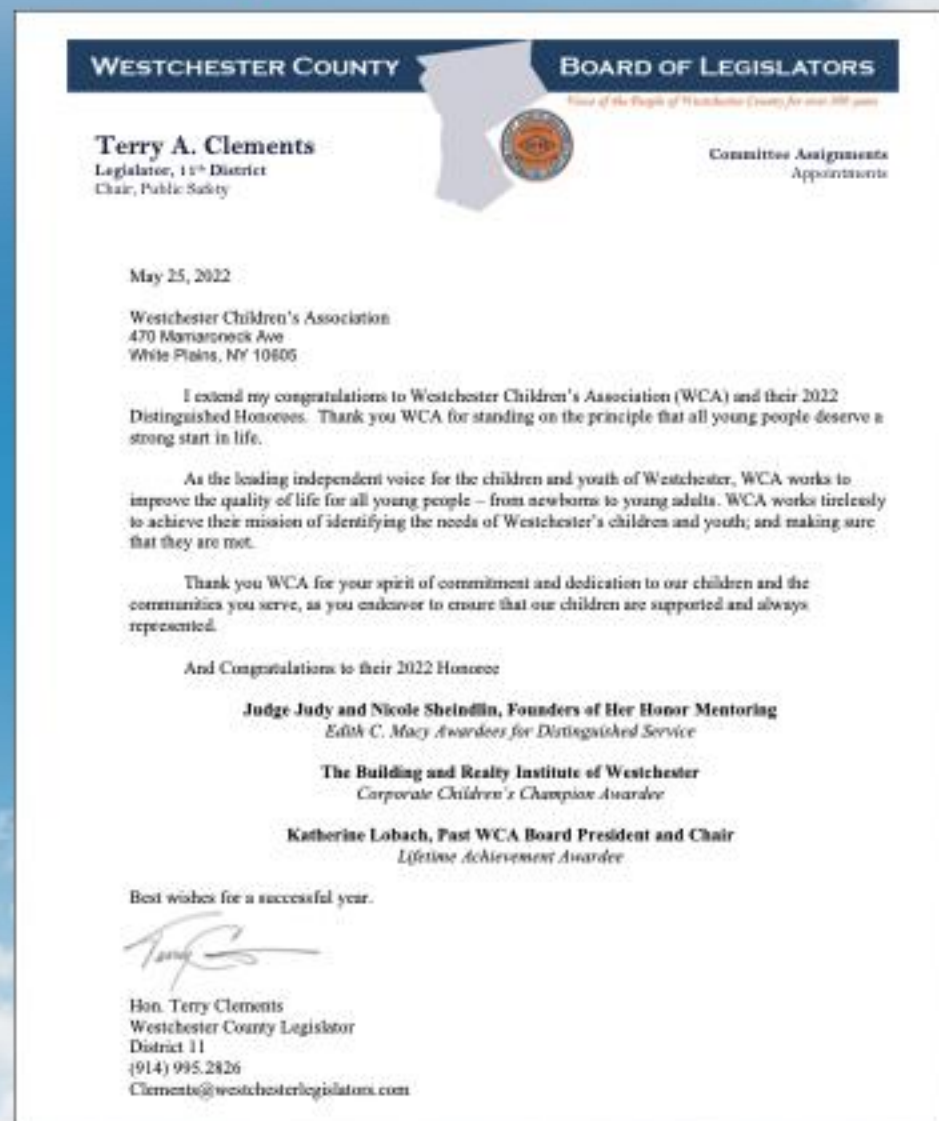
Congratulations to Dr. Katherine Lobach who served the WCA as Board President and Chair, honored with this year's Lifetime Achievement Award.

To all, thank you for the work you do to make the lives of all children the best they can be.

Sincerely,

Nader Sayegh, NYS Assemblyman
90th Assembly District

Hon. Terry Clements, Westchester County Legislator



James Nolan, Westchester County Legislator



Congratulations to the honorees!

**Judge Judy & Nicole Sheindlin (Edith C. May Award)
The Building and Realty Institute of Westchester
(Corporate Children's Champion Award)
Katherine Lobach (WCA Board President and Chair
Lifetime Achievement Award)**

Thank you to Judge Judy and her daughter Nicole Sheindlin, founders of "Her Honor Mentoring" for the countless mentorees that they have helped!

Thank you to the Building and Realty Institute for all the charity work they have done!

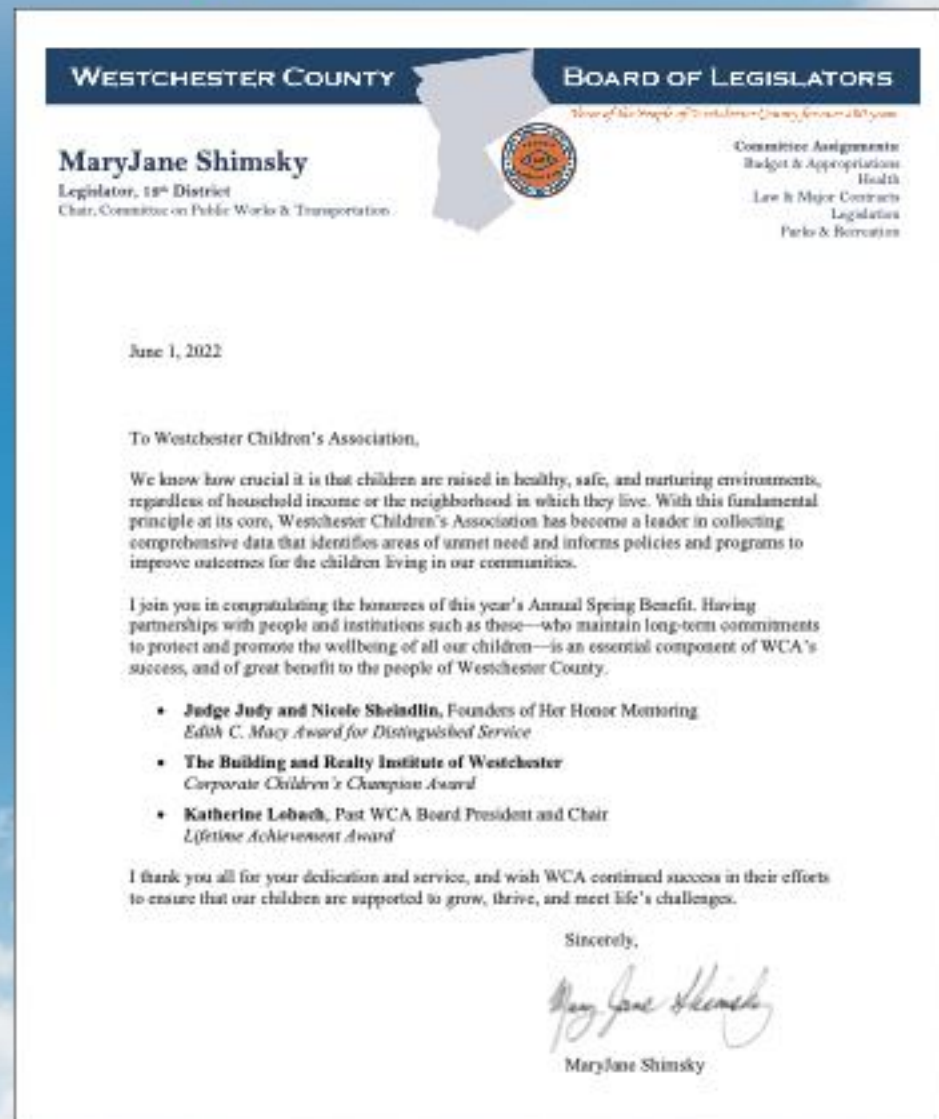
Thank you to Katherine Loach, Past WCA President and Chair, for all the help she has provided over the years!

& most of all

Thank you to the Westchester Children's Association for all their hard work they do for our children in Westchester

*Sincerely,
Legislator James Nolan
Westchester County Legislature, District 15*

MaryJane Shimsky, Westchester County Legislator



Noam Bramson, Mayor, New Rochelle



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June 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings as you gather for your Annual Spring Benefit at the Surf Club, here in New Rochelle.

Since 1914, WCA has been the leading independent voice for children in Westchester by identifying their needs, making those needs known to the public, and ensuring those needs are met through advocacy and mobilization efforts. Our entire community benefits from your dedication and positive example. And through your work, we are reminded of our urgent moral obligation to uphold the common good.

Let me also offer congratulations to your honorees – Nicole Sheindlin and The Honorable Judge Judy Sheindlin of Her Honor Mentoring, the Building & Reality Institute (BRI) of Westchester, and former WCA board president -- and my friend -- Dr. Katherine Lobach. These exceptional individuals and entities have earned our recognition and admiration.

You have my very best wishes for an enjoyable evening and for continued success in the months and years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Noam Bramson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Noam Bramson
Mayor

Vanessa L. Gibson, Bronx Borough President



BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT VANESSA L. GIBSON

June 1, 2022

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Vanessa L. Gibson
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Re: WCA Annual Spring Benefit

Good Evening,

As the Bronx Borough President, and the first African American woman to hold this position, it is a pleasure to write this congratulatory letter! To the Dedicated and Distinguished Honorees of the Westchester Children's Association, I want to extend heartfelt congratulations to you all, and to all that helped put together the 2022 WCA Annual Spring Benefit! For the past 102 years, the Westchester Children's Association has been a catalyst for change in the Westchester community with programming that ensures every child seen is healthy, safe, and prepared for life's challenges. Whether it is through community based forums, educational programs for youth, or health and wellness services, your organization continues to see the need and address it. I am thankful for your unwavering commitment to amplify and uplift the voices of the youth in at the pinnacle of every decision.

I am incredibly proud of this year's four recipients, as they reflect New York's amazing diversity, and the best and brightest from our state. I would like to take a moment to recognize your 2022 WCA Edith C. Macy Awardee for Distinguished Service, the WCA Corporate Children's Champion Awardee, and the WCA Lifetime Achievement Awardee for their unequivocal dedication to the community they serve. This moment is truly one to take in and to celebrate the achievement of a job well done! I wish you all continued success in all your future ventures.

I look forward to what the future has in store for each of you, as you take on your day to day responsibilities and work to build a better future for Westchester County and the world. As you prepare for your next chapter, just know that everyone at Bronx Borough Hall are rooting for each of you.

To all who have gathered this Wednesday afternoon for this incredible event, I wish you all an amazing evening filled with celebration! Continue to stay safe and thank you for your continued support of the Westchester Children Association and its programming. May God Bless you all for all the time to come.

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa L. Gibson".

Vanessa L. Gibson
Bronx Borough President

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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 1925, Edith C. 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	2020 Umran Beba
2013 Genevieve Piturro	2021 Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton
2014 Patricia Lanza (awarded posthumously)	

CORPORATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD

ESTABLISHED 2017

WCA'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.

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- 2017 The Westchester Bank
- 2018 Richard French III and Regional News Network
- 2019 PCSB Bank
- 2020 Dawna Michelle Fields, Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures
- 2021 Greater Hudson Valley (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
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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
- 2020 Louise De Vel Muller
- 2021 Kate Weingarten

The Edith C. Macy Award For Distinguished Service

Judge Judy Sheindlin & Nicole Sheindlin

HER HONOR MENTORING



Nicole Sheindlin, Founder and CEO, is a graduate of New York Law School ('93) and the co-founder, CEO, and driving force behind Her Honor Mentoring, an empowerment program that pairs female high school seniors with women who are leaders in their respective careers.

Co-founded with her stepmother, The Honorable Judith Sheindlin, star of the #1 daytime syndicated television program, *"Judge Judy"* and the new courtroom series *"Judy Justice"*.

Nicole's inspiration for **Her Honor Mentoring** came from a desire to work proactively in her own community. Nicole started Her Honor Mentoring while simultaneously working as a senior staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Division in Bronx County.

In addition to her J.D. from New York Law School, Nicole also holds a B.A. from The State University of New York at Buffalo. She is also a partner at Mentzer and Sheindlin, LLP, a law firm that handles all aspects of criminal and civil litigation.

Her Honor Mentoring, Judge Judy and Nicole Sheindlin have received numerous accolades such as the New York State Senate Woman of Distinction, Champion of Human Rights Award from the Westchester County Human Rights Commission, and Community Champion Award in Education and Literacy from Volunteer New York of the United Way.

Judge Judy Sheindlin is an exemplary jurist, renowned author, and star of the television show *"Judge Judy."* In November 2021, Judith Sheindlin started a new adventure with *"Judy Justice"*, another reality-based courtroom series that will be streamed on Amazon IMDB TV.

Throughout her career, Judge Sheindlin has received numerous requests from young women seeking her advice and guidance. It is the Judge's belief that encouraging women to be independent, through a vocation or profession they enjoy, will promote self-confidence and successful life.

Corporate Children's Champion Award

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Tim Foley

The Building and Realty Institute (BRI) of Westchester was founded in 1946 and is the largest, independent trade association serving the building and realty industry in the Hudson Valley area. BRI is supported by a multi-talented professional and consultant staff versed in all facets of the building industry including planning, law, and governmental relations on state, county, and local levels. BRI is currently led by president, Lisa DeRosa. BRI will be represented at our Spring Benefit by Tim Foley.

In September 2021, BRI established the **Welcome Home Westchester** (WHW) coalition and released its first white paper, "The Economic Benefits of Building the Housing We Need." They also published a study entitled "Multi-Family Housing Development Impacts in Westchester County Part One: School District Enrollment." Since then, WHW has shared information about good housing policies and the impact of increasing affordable housing to address the great shortage of units in Westchester County and the impact on child and youth homelessness. BRI and WCA have participated in the Affordable Housing in Westchester series of events hosted by Nonprofit Westchester and have collaborated in a radio feature discussing the unique trends of homelessness experienced by children and families in Westchester.

The **Corporate Children's Champion Award** at WCA 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.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Katherine Lobach

past wca board president and chair



Dr. Lobach, or “Katie” as we affectionately refer to her, has been an ambassador for WCA for so many years as a member of our Board of Directors and as Board President in 2005. She guided our involvement in daycare programs and our advocacy for integrating mental health services into county programs to avoid children being suspended or expelled at early ages. She led an initiative to improve data collection and develop activities that reached out to adolescents and connect them to preventative health care. Katie was an early supporter of newborn and toddler home visiting services in Westchester.

Katie remains dedicated to supporting advocacy through WCA since leaving our Board. We are grateful for the ideas she shares and for her efforts to spread the word about our initiatives, including child poverty, through her networks.

WCA’s Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual 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. Learn more about our awards.

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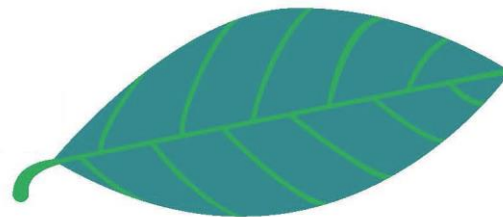
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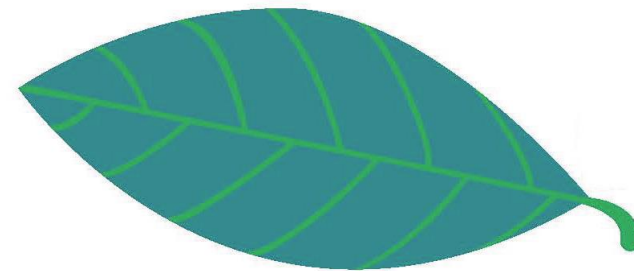
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Jackie and Jim Mann congratulate the Westchester Children's Association.

We celebrate Allison Lake and thank her for her outstanding work leading the campaign to keep kids out of the criminal justice system.

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Congratulations to our Honorees!


Endless gratitude to the indefatigable Staff and Board Members of Westchester Children's Association!

Deepest appreciation to Katherine Lobach for her guidance, service and dedication to the needs of all children!

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Saluting Katie Lobach
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