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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

*Celebrating National Volunteer Month by honoring
members of the nonprofit community for their service.*

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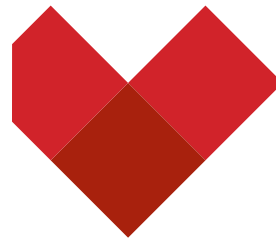
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WELCOME

Dear Esteemed Guests,

Good morning, and thank you for joining us for our **14th Annual Community Service Awards Breakfast**, as we proudly celebrate **20 years of Nonprofit Staten Island**.

This morning is a celebration of something deeply powerful—people. Those who show up every day for others. Those who give their time, energy, and heart to lift up our communities, often without recognition. Today, we pause to honor them.

Our Community Service Awards recognize individuals whose compassion and commitment have created real and lasting impact across Staten Island. Their work reminds us that change doesn't always come from grand gestures, but from consistent, selfless acts of service that ripple outward and transform lives.

For 20 years, Nonprofit Staten Island has worked alongside a growing network of organizations across our borough-strengthening communities, advancing equity, and ensuring that no one is left behind. As we reflect on this milestone, we are reminded of the strength of our sector: resilient, dedicated, and rooted in care. In moments of challenge, it is this community that steps forward and it is people like our honorees who make that possible.

To our honorees: thank you for all that you give. Your work matters, and today, we celebrate you. To our partners and supporters: thank you for believing in this work and standing alongside us.

Together, we honor the past 20 years and recommit ourselves to building a stronger, more compassionate Staten Island for the years ahead.

Because at the heart of every strong community is someone who chose to care and today, we celebrate those who do.

Sincerely,

Tatiana M. Sabatelli
Executive Director, Nonprofit Staten Island



ABOUT US

20 Years Strong



Nonprofit Staten Island is a nonprofit for nonprofits, serving as a connector, convener, and advocate for the organizations and people who strengthen our borough every day. We work alongside more than 150 nonprofits, community groups, and cross-sector partners to support a strong, connected nonprofit ecosystem across Staten Island—one that is visible, resourced, and equipped to meet the needs of our communities.

Guided by our core pillars—**Community Voice, Community Building, and Community Response**—we bring organizations together to build relationships, share resources, and move ideas into action, with a commitment to collaboration, cultural responsiveness, and inclusive community building.

Our programming supports both organizations and the people behind them. Through **Nonprofit On-the-Go**, we offer workshops, technical assistance, and roundtables that provide practical tools and create space for shared learning and connection. Our **Action Learning** cohort brings nonprofit leaders together to strengthen leadership, team dynamics, and organizational effectiveness, while **Affinity Groups** connect professionals across roles and organizations to exchange ideas and navigate challenges together.

We also lead and support borough-wide efforts that strengthen coordination and impact. Through **Staten Island COAD** (Community Organizations Active in Disaster), we help organizations and communities prepare for and respond to both everyday emergencies and larger-scale disasters through coordinated communication, resource sharing, and situational awareness. Through the **TRIE Neighborhood Coalition**, we work with partners to expand civic engagement, including initiatives like The People's Money, community-based workshops, and efforts that support organizations in engaging their communities. Our **Community Climate Corps** is building pathways for community education, engagement, and action around climate resilience—from household preparedness to broader conversations around infrastructure and economic opportunity.

Across Staten Island, nonprofits are a steady and essential presence in people's lives. The people behind this work—from executive leadership to frontline staff and volunteers—make that impact possible. As we mark 20 years of service, we remain committed to strengthening the sector and expanding opportunities for nonprofit professionals at every level, including those on the frontlines closest to the communities they serve.

Together, we are strengthening Staten Island's nonprofit sector so it can continue to support, uplift, and respond to the needs of our borough—today and into the future.

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PROGRAM

9:30 AM

Arrivals / Meet & Greet / Raffle Ticket Sales

9:45 AM

WELCOME

Tatiana Sabatelli, Executive Director

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ariel Marcus-Hollenbeck, Producing Artistic Director, IlluminArt

CELEBRATING THE UNSUNG HEROES
OF OUR NONPROFIT COMMUNITY

Gabriele Delmonaco, Nonprofit Staten Island Board Chair

SPONSOR RECOGNITION

Laura Delin, Nonprofit Staten Island Program Committee Chair

10:10 AM

BREAKFAST

50/50 Raffle Tickets for Sale

10:45 AM

CELEBRATING OUR HONOREES

Arlene Sorkin - Nonprofit Staten Island Awards Co-Chair

Crystal Montalvo • Amelia Winter

Linda Dianto - Nonprofit Staten Island Awards Co-Chair

11:45 AM

Raffle Winner Announcement

(must be present to win)

11:50 AM

CLOSING REMARKS

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Samir Farag
Score/Museum of Maritime Navigation & Communication



Candace Gonzalez
NY Center for Interpersonal Development, Inc. (NYCID)



Jamilah LaSalle
Bait-ul Jamaat House of Community



Vanessa Leung
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families



Alex Lutz
Richmond University Medical Center (RUMC)



Nicole Meyers
National Council of Negro Women Staten Island (NCNW) and NAACP



Crystal Montalvo
College of Staten Island (CSI)



Arlene Sorkin
IlluminArt Productions



Kelly Vilar
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- *A Chance in Life*
- *A Father's Rights & Responsibilities Inc.*
- *A Very Special Place Inc.*
- *Airway Revolution Foundation*
- *Alice Austen House*
- *Bait-ul Jamaat House of Community*
- *Ballet Imagination Inc.*
- *Bee University NYC*
- *Beyond Educational Enrichment*
- *Break Free Foundation*
- *Bridge Preparatory Charter School*
- *Build A Better Planet*
- *Casa Belvedere The Italian Cultural Foundation*
- *Catholic Charities of Staten Island*
- *Celebrate Hope Inc.*
- *Center For Hope Services Inc.*
- *Central Family Life Center Inc.*
- *Children's Aid-Good Center*
- *Chimbo Helping Hands*
- *Coalition for Asian American Children and Families*
- *College of Staten Island*
- *Community Activate*
- *Community Agency for Senior Citizens, Inc*
- *Community Health Action of Staten Island*
- *Community Health Center of Richmond*
- *Community Resources Staten Island*
- *CrimsonRise*
- *Crossroads Unlimited, Inc.*
- *Eden II Programs*
- *Elevate Education Consulting*
- *Emerging Talent Brands, Corp*
- *Emma's Place-Staten Island Grief Loss Center for Children*
- *Feeding with TLC*
- *For My Good Works Inc.*
- *Frederick Douglass Historic Cemetery Foundation Inc.*
- *Freshkills Park Alliance*
- *Friends of PowerHouse of Expression Corp*
- *Global Academy for Community-Based Education, Inc.*
- *GRACE Foundation*
- *Grasmere & Cameron Lakes Bluebelt Conservatory*
- *Green Technology Club Corp*
- *Greenbelt Conservancy*
- *H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths*
- *House of Fields Charity Inc.*
- *Humble Heroes of FDNY*
- *iHealth and Wellness Foundation*
- *IlluminArt Productions*
- *ImpACT Theatre*
- *Italian Club of Staten Island Foundation Inc.*
- *Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art*
- *Jaime's LILAC Foundation*
- *Jentuby for Women Empowerment and Eradication of Child Abuse Inc.*
- *Jewish Community Center of Staten Island*
- *Kaleidoscope Mode*
- *Killsboro Chess Club*
- *Lifestyles for the Disabled Inc.*
- *Lotus Bridge, Inc.*
- *Lou's Helping Hand Foundation*
- *Maker Park Radio, Inc.*
- *Makeup on Wheels Foundation*
- *Meals on Wheels of SI*
- *Michaels Cause Inc.*
- *Migration Resource Center*
- *Mommy & Daddy's Little Angels Youth and Family Services Inc.*
- *Moonlight Productions*
- *Mother to Mother Inc.*
- *Museum of Maritime Navigation & Communication*
- *Muslim Sisters of Staten Island*
- *NAMI NYC Staten Island*
- *National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Staten Island*
- *National Lighthouse Museum*
- *Native Plant Society of Staten Island*
- *Natural Resources Protective Assoc. of SI*
- *New York Center for Interpersonal Development*
- *New York Community League*
- *New York Concert Opera*
- *Nonprofit Impact Group*
- *North Shore Rescue Squad*
- *North Shore Rotary*
- *Northfield Community LDC*
- *Opera Exposures*
- *Out of the Storm Senior Services*
- *Pan African Cultural Training Center*
- *Person Centered Care Services (PCCS)*
- *Police Officer Gerard Carter Foundation*
- *Port Richmond CERT & Rescue*
- *Pregnancy Care Center of NY*
- *Pride Center of Staten Island*
- *Project Caribbean*
- *Project TEAL, Inc.*
- *Protectors of Pine Oak Woods*
- *Rab Wilkinson Foundation*
- *Reach Out Methodist Episcopal/ROME Inc.*
- *Richmond Choral Society*
- *Richmond County Black & Minority Chamber of Commerce Inc.*
- *Richmond Home Need Services*
- *Richmond Interparish Council*
- *Richmond University Medical Center SI*
- *SCORE-Staten Island*
- *Serpentine Art & Nature Commons Inc.*
- *Silver Mount Cemetery Conservancy, Inc.*
- *Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden*
- *Soroptimist International of Staten Island*
- *Spotlight Productions SI*
- *St. George Civic Association Inc.*
- *St. George Theatre*
- *Staten Island Academy*
- *Staten Island Business Outreach Center*
- *Staten Island Center for Independent Living*
- *Staten Island Center of Light for the Blind and Visually Impaired*
- *Staten Island Chamber of Commerce*
- *Staten Island Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.*
- *Staten Island Community Alliance Corp*
- *Staten Island Community Job Center Inc.*
- *Staten Island Economic Development Corporation*
- *Staten Island Giving Circle*
- *Staten Island Hebrew Public Charter School*
- *Staten Island Historical Society*
- *Staten Island Industrial Alliance*
- *Staten Island Museum*
- *Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness*
- *Staten Island Performing Provider System*
- *Staten Island Strong HBCU College Tours*
- *Staten Island University Hospital*
- *Staten Island Urban Center*
- *Stradford Family Life Foundation Inc.*
- *Sundog Theatre*
- *Surprise the Struggling*
- *The Foundation for Dignity*
- *The Madison Rochelle Alfano Foundation*
- *The Maverick Foundation*
- *The Mighty String Demons, Inc.*
- *The Noble Maritime Collection*
- *The Power of a Changed Woman*
- *The Urban Community Empowerment Project Inc.*
- *Three Amigas Helping Hands*
- *Tottenville Historical Society*
- *Trinity Lutheran Church*
- *United Activities Unlimited, Inc.*
- *Urban Community*
- *Urban Fairies of Staten Island Community Outreach*
- *Urban Youth Alliance*
- *Venture House, Inc.*
- *VISIONS/Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired*
- *Wagner College*
- *World Heart Project Inc.*
- *Young Leaders' Academy, Inc.*



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GUADALUPE AGUIRRE

A Chance In Life

JEANMARIE CASTELLANO

Pride Center of Staten Island

Born in Oaxaca, Mexico, and raised in Cuautla, Morelos, Guadalupe “Lupe” Aguirre came to the United States as a teenager and is a proud DACA recipient. From his earliest days here, he demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination, beginning as a construction apprentice and mastering multiple trades. By age 25, he was a contractor specializing in kitchens and bathrooms, all while raising three children and earning his GED. He later co-founded a construction company with his brother.

After the pandemic forced the closure of his business, Lupe joined A Chance In Life in 2022 as Facilities Manager. Since then, he has become an essential pillar of the organization, ensuring that every space is safe, welcoming, and dignified. Through his quiet leadership and unwavering dedication, Lupe helps create an environment where families feel supported, respected, and at home.

Jeanmarie Castellano is a dedicated member of the Staten Island community and a passionate supporter of the Staten Island Pride Center. A resident of Staten Island for over 15 years, she has found both connection and purpose through her involvement with the organization.

After being introduced to the Pride Center during a challenging time in her life, Jeanmarie embraced it as a place of healing, support, and belonging. Since then, she has become an active and compassionate presence, using her experiences to uplift others.

Through her openness, resilience, and willingness to support those around her, Jeanmarie helps foster a welcoming and inclusive community for all.





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REV. SAMUEL DENNIS

Central Family Life Center

MARYELLEN DONNELLY

*Snug Harbor Cultural Center
and Botanical Garden*

Rev. Samuel Dennis is a dedicated community leader at Central Family Life Center, where he leads the Seniors Program and directs initiatives that promote digital literacy, wellness, and active engagement among older adults. He has also played a key role in expanding technology access through the organization's Spectrum Learning Lab.

In addition to his work at CFLC, Rev. Dennis serves as an Associate Minister at First Central Baptist Church and as a Health Navigator, connecting community members with vital health resources and education. He also supports broader community development efforts through his leadership with First Central Economic Development Inc.

Through faith-driven leadership and a commitment to service, Rev. Dennis continues to empower individuals, strengthen families, and uplift the Staten Island community.

Maryellen Donnelly served as Director of Operations at Snug Harbor, where she oversaw facilities, safety, security, and capital projects. She brings extensive experience in operations management, having previously spent 18 years leading projects and initiatives at the Boys Club of New York.

From 2020 through 2026, Maryellen managed complex capital improvements to enhance the Snug Harbor campus and experience for visitors and resident organizations. Her expertise includes multi-site facilities management, budgeting, and compliance.

With a strong background in organizational leadership and project development, Maryellen has played a key role in maintaining and improving spaces that serve the public. Her work reflects a commitment to excellence, efficiency, and community impact.





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NICOLE DOZ-PILLARELLA

Natural Resources Protective Association

CLAUDETTE DUFF

Out of the Storm Senior Housing

Nicole Doz-Pillarella has been a volunteer and member of the Natural Resources Protective Association for over 10 years, working to protect New York City's marine environment and coastlines. Through her involvement, she has participated in more than 100 beach and park cleanups and has recently taken on the role of Treasurer.

A New York City native, Nicole is a former Miss Staten Island and Mrs. New York. She has used her platform to promote environmental awareness, appearing on Fox 5 New York, The Drew Barrymore Show, Inside Edition, and other media outlets to share ways individuals can help protect the environment.

Nicole also works as a Supervisor with the New York City Department of Sanitation. Her enthusiasm and passion for creating a cleaner and healthier world are evident in all that she does.

Claudette Duff, ATR, LCSW, is a visionary leader and advocate dedicated to supporting vulnerable populations across New York State. As the founder and CEO of Integrity Social Work Services, she has provided compassionate mental health care and supportive services to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and their families.

Following Superstorm Sandy, Claudette expanded her mission by founding Out of the Storm Senior Housing, creating safe and supportive living environments for seniors facing hardship. In 2022, after losing her sight due to glaucoma, she transformed her personal journey into purpose by establishing the Staten Island Center of Light for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Through resilience, compassion, and unwavering commitment, Claudette continues to uplift lives and strengthen her community.

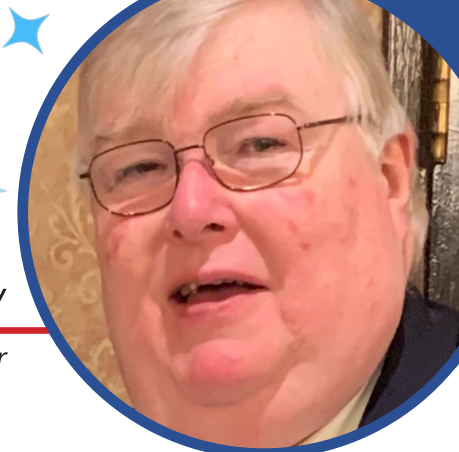




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SUSAN GERMANO

GRACE Foundation

DANIEL HENNESSY

Children's Aid - Goodhue Center

Susan “Sue” Germano is an exceptional Direct Support Professional whose compassion, patience, and dedication define her work each day. She brings a gentle, thoughtful approach to supporting children and adults with autism, creating an environment where individuals feel safe, understood, and empowered.

For Sue, this work is more than a profession—it is a calling. She celebrates every milestone, no matter how small, and approaches each individual with respect, empathy, and genuine care. Her ability to connect, listen, and advocate makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those she serves and their families.

Through her dedicated commitment and kindness, Sue continues to uplift others and exemplify the true spirit of service and compassion in her community.

Daniel Hennessy, a longtime Staten Island resident, has dedicated decades to community service and civic engagement. Originally from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, he has spent much of his life on Staten Island’s North Shore with his wife and family.

For over 20 years, Dan has been an active member of the Goodhue Advisory Committee, contributing to initiatives that strengthen and preserve community resources. Among his proudest accomplishments is his role in helping facilitate the transfer of Goodhue property to the New York City Parks Department, ensuring its preservation as a vital green space.

A retired Senior Research Analyst with 37 years of service in the New York State Senate, Dan continues to remain engaged through his involvement with local organizations. His dedication reflects a lifelong commitment to community, service, and stewardship.





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TANYA (SAMIA) JOHNSON

*Bait-ul Jamaat House
of Community*

STACIE KOUTRAS

*Soroptimist International
of Staten Island*

Tanya (Samia) Johnson is a dedicated community leader with more than 25 years of service in the nonprofit sector, including her role as Assistant Executive Director of Youth Services. Throughout her career, she has remained deeply committed to empowering youth and strengthening families.

Driven by her passion for service, Tanya founded Wiz Kidz Daycare Academy, providing high-quality, affordable childcare to families in need. She continues to support young people as a substitute teacher at Curtis High School, where she nurtures students' growth and well-being.

A graduate of Delaware State University, Tanya remains actively involved in her community through mentoring, volunteerism, and service. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Bait-ul Jamaat House of Community, Inc., and is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Above all, she is devoted to her family, who inspire her continued impact.

Stacie Koutras is a dedicated Staten Island community leader known for her compassion, leadership, and commitment to service. A lifelong resident, she brings a deep sense of pride and connection to her work. As President Elect of Soroptimist International of Staten Island, she actively advances initiatives that uplift and support women and families.

As co-owner of Elan Salon, Stacie has created a welcoming space rooted in connection and community. She is also a co-founder of the Silver Lake Kiwanis, reflecting her strong commitment to civic engagement. Stacie has led impactful initiatives, including efforts to expand access to essential hygiene products for those in need. Through her generosity and leadership, she continues to make a meaningful and lasting difference across the Staten Island community.





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BLERINA LIKOLLARI

College of Staten Island

JAMES MEYER

*Northwell - Staten Island
University Hospital*

Blerina Likollari serves as Associate Director of the Literacy and Language Programs at the College of Staten Island, bringing more than 16 years of dedicated service to the institution. Her experience includes roles as a faculty member, instructor, and advisor, reflecting her deep commitment to education.

A passionate advocate for adult learners, Blerina supports individuals working to improve their English language skills and literacy, guiding them toward higher education and career opportunities. She views her work as a mission, ensuring that language and literacy serve as pathways to connection and success.

Through her compassionate leadership and expertise, Blerina continues to create meaningful opportunities for learners, strengthening both individuals and the broader community.

James “Jim” Meyer serves as a Physician Assistant at the Stapleton Opioid Treatment Program, where he leads the medical team and oversees clinic operations with skill, compassion, and integrity. His career spans more than 35 years in healthcare, beginning as a paramedic providing critical front-line care.

Throughout his career, Jim has remained committed to serving vulnerable populations, bringing both clinical expertise and a deeply human approach to patient care. In his current role, he works to ensure individuals receive the treatment, support, and respect they need on their path to recovery.

Known for his steady leadership and dedication, Jim continues to make a meaningful impact on the lives of his patients and the broader community.



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ROBERT ORTIZ

Person Centered Care Services

HIROKO OTANI

Catholic Charities of Staten Island

Robert Ortiz is a dedicated leader in the human services field, committed to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Throughout his career, he has championed person-centered approaches that promote independence, dignity, and community inclusion.

With extensive experience in both direct service and leadership roles, Robert has worked to strengthen programs, support teams, and ensure high-quality care for the individuals and families he serves. His approach reflects a deep understanding of individualized support and system-wide improvement.

Respected for his integrity and advocacy, Robert remains focused on creating opportunities that empower individuals to lead meaningful, self-directed lives.

Hiroko Otani has served as Assistant Director of Catholic Charities of Staten Island’s Anderson Older Adult Center for the past decade. A lifelong artist, educator, and community organizer, she brings creativity, compassion, and dedication to her work with older adults.

As the creative heart of the center, Hiroko designs engaging programs that enrich the lives of participants both in person and remotely, ensuring that all members feel included and connected. She is especially attentive to those facing illness or isolation, always finding meaningful ways to support and uplift them.

Through her warmth, innovation, and commitment, Hiroko fosters a welcoming community where older adults can thrive, connect, and experience joy.



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Northfield Bank is proud to support
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Congratulations to all honorees on
this well-deserved recognition!

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MADELINE PALADINO

Protectors of Pine Oak Woods

COLLEEN PETTINATO

Community Resources Staten Island

Madeline Paladino serves as Membership Secretary of Protectors of Pine Oak Woods, supporting one of Staten Island’s leading environmental organizations and helping strengthen connections with members and the broader community.

A longtime educator, Madeline previously served as a service program coordinator at St. Joseph Hill Academy High School, where she guided students in meaningful community engagement. She brings strong organizational skills, a collaborative spirit, and a deep commitment to service to her work.

Her involvement reflects a passion for environmental stewardship and education, as well as a dedication to preserving Staten Island’s natural spaces for future generations. Through her leadership and service, Madeline continues to foster community connection and environmental awareness.

Colleen Pettinato has devoted more than 20 years to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism, including her recent work as a dedicated job coach. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated exceptional compassion, patience, and commitment.

Colleen believes deeply in the potential of every individual she serves and works tirelessly to help them achieve personal and professional goals. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that each person is treated with dignity, respect, and understanding.

Her unwavering support and genuine care have made a lasting impact on countless lives. Through her work, Colleen continues to empower individuals, foster independence, and inspire those around her.





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LUIS PICO

Project Hospitality

JAMES PISTILLI

*Staten Island Partnership
for Community Wellness*

Luis Pico oversees finance and accounting at Project Hospitality, bringing extensive experience from both the nonprofit and private sectors. With a background in senior financial leadership roles, he offers strong expertise in financial strategy, operations, and organizational growth.

Since joining the organization, Luis has strengthened financial systems, improved processes, and helped build a solid foundation to support long-term sustainability. He is known for his collaborative and approachable leadership style, encouraging thoughtful problem-solving and innovation.

Luis holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin and a degree in accounting from New York University. His work continues to enhance the organization's ability to serve the community effectively.

James "Jim" Pistilli is a lifelong Staten Islander whose career and volunteer service have made a lasting impact on the community. With more than three decades in the nonprofit health care and community services sector, he has helped develop and expand vital programs, including home care services, hospice care, and adult day health programs.

A founder and leader in several organizations, Jim has played a key role in strengthening services for seniors and families across Staten Island. His extensive volunteer work includes decades with the American Cancer Society, as well as leadership roles in numerous civic and community organizations.

Jim's lifelong commitment to service, advocacy, and community well-being continues to benefit Staten Island and inspire those around him



**Staten Island Partnership
for Community Wellness**



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CHRISTOPHER RICKER

Freshkills Park Alliance

MARAM SALEM

New York Center for Interpersonal Development

Christopher Ricker serves as Program Director for Freshkills Park with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. A Staten Island native, he developed an early appreciation for nature through visits to local parks and the Staten Island Zoo. He holds a degree in Adventure Education and Outdoor Studies and began his career with NYC Parks through the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Christopher has held roles in environmental education and conservation, including work with the Staten Island Greenbelt and the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, where he developed leadership programs for youth. A skilled outdoor educator, he brings a wealth of experience in both classroom and field settings.

Passionate about expanding access to nature, Christopher is committed to creating opportunities for New Yorkers to experience outdoor recreation and environmental learning within the city.

Maram Salem is a dedicated education professional whose career has been shaped by a passion for youth development and student success. She began her work as a teacher in private and charter schools before transitioning to the nonprofit sector. Since joining the New York Center for Interpersonal Development in 2018, she has grown into her current role as Director of Afterschool Programs.

In this position, Maram oversees educational programming, staff development, and strategic initiatives across multiple school communities. She works closely with educators and community partners to ensure programs are impactful, engaging, and supportive of student growth.

A certified New York State teacher with a master's degree from Hunter College, Maram remains committed to creating meaningful opportunities that help children and families thrive.

Freshkills
Park
Alliance





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EDWARD SANCHEZ

*Community Health Action
of Staten Island*

ROMAN SHARF

National Lighthouse Museum

Edward Sanchez has been a dedicated member of the Staten Island community for over 20 years and has served at Community Health Action of Staten Island for nearly 14 years. As Benefits Services Coordinator, he helps individuals and families access essential resources, including SNAP, health insurance, and other critical benefits.

Edward is known for his compassion, respect, and ability to connect with clients in meaningful ways. He creates a supportive environment that helps reduce stigma and ensures individuals feel comfortable seeking assistance, especially during times of uncertainty.

Beyond his professional role, Edward is an active community advocate and member of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, where he continues to support and empower others. His dedication reflects a deep commitment to equity, dignity, and access for all.

Roman Sharf is an artist and independent video game developer whose work bridges traditional art and emerging digital media. Raised in New York City, he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration from the Fashion Institute of Technology, building a strong foundation in visual storytelling. A committed lifelong learner, he has expanded his creative and technical skills across drawing, soft pastels, 3D modeling, programming, and technical writing.

Roman has also built a career at the intersection of art and technology, most recently serving as a documentation specialist at NVIDIA, where he translated complex concepts into clear, accessible content. He is the founder of Chaotic Formula, where he develops original video games that combine narrative depth with distinctive visual design.

In addition to his creative work, Roman volunteers at the National Lighthouse Museum, where he leads tours and supports operations, reflecting his commitment to education, storytelling, and community engagement.

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PALOMA WASSERSTEIN

*Jewish Community Center
of Staten Island*

TAIWO WILLIAMS

Eden II

Paloma Wasserstein brings a unique blend of personal experience and professional expertise to her work in social services. A Chilean immigrant, her early life experiences shaped her deep commitment to supporting vulnerable communities. After beginning her career in art conservation, she discovered her passion for social work while leading community-based art programs.

She went on to earn a Master’s in Social Work and has held leadership roles, including Director of Social Services at the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island. There, she has strengthened programs that support families in need, including modernizing food pantry services to improve accessibility.

Paloma is dedicated to connecting individuals with essential resources and building supportive networks that promote stability, dignity, and long-term well-being.

Taiwo Williams has been a dedicated Direct Support Professional with Eden II’s Carlton Residence since 1994, demonstrating more than three decades of unwavering commitment, compassion, and professionalism.

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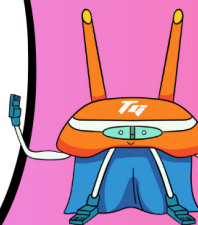
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