

12th

Rockland Family Shelter
Annual Distinguished
Citizen Award Dinner

Sunday, May 1, 2011 ■ The Clubhouse at Patriot Hills

HONORING DR. ARLENE W. CLINKSCALE & HERBERT KURZ

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients of the Rockland Family Shelter, I am pleased to welcome you to our 2011 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. This evening we are delighted to honor educational leader Arlene Clinkscale and philanthropist and founder of Presidential Life, Herbert Kurz. Although both of our honorees have outstanding professional accomplishments, tonight it is about their contributions to our community as private citizens; we are honoring these two extraordinary individuals for their remarkable commitment to the causes they have embraced throughout their lifetimes.

As an agency, we are very fortunate to be included in those causes, not only because of the exceptional work they have done on behalf of our community, but also because such outstanding civic-minded individuals have shared some of their time with Rockland Family Shelter. Time and again, tonight's honorees have supported our organization, helping us not only to raise funds, but also to raise awareness.

We count ourselves as blessed; the causes our honorees support are varied and far-reaching, and by generously sharing their time, expertise and resources, they are helping to build a better world for us all. Tonight is certainly about raising funds for much needed services that Rockland Family Shelter provides. But more importantly, it is about highlighting and paying tribute to two individuals who continue to make a difference. So join me in thanking both Arlene and Herb for their work, their commitment and the inspiration they have provided to so many.

Let me also recognize all of you in attendance. The role that all of you have played in our work cannot be underestimated. Together, we have done a tremendous job, with much work still left to do. We will all strive to build a community, society and eventually a world in which we are all equally able to live lives free of fear, violence and oppression.

Without the support and involvement of our community, we would still be where we were in 1979—a group of concerned citizens with an

important goal and big dreams; you all have helped us to achieve these goals and continue to aim high and dream big. And without dedicated, engaged individuals like Arlene Clinkscale and Herb Kurz on our side, and new friends taking an interest in our work every day, we could not continue to move forward.

Thank you for joining us this evening to celebrate our two exceptional honorees and, in so doing, honoring the important role that each of us can play in making our community a safer, better place in which to live.

I hope you enjoy our program and look forward to sharing a wonderful evening together.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Fish, *Executive Director*

Dear Friends:

It is with pride that I send my warmest wishes to the Rockland Family Shelter as you celebrate your 12th Annual Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner. I am pleased to offer special congratulations to tonight's honorees, Dr. Arlene W. Clinkscale and Mr. Herbert Kurz. These two exceptional individuals serve as true examples of leaders in the fight against domestic violence and sexual assault against women and children.

Domestic abuse and sexual assault against women and children continue to be issues that plague our great state and country. It is organizations like Rockland Family Shelter that sincerely make a difference in the lives of the victims of these heartless crimes. Their services and partnerships with community outreach programs create a safe haven for these victims when they may have nowhere else to turn. Their first rate staff's commitment to combating sexual assault and domestic violence is extraordinary.

I thank the entire staff and all the individuals affiliated with the Rockland Family Shelter for their tireless work on behalf of the women and children of Rockland County and New York State. By lending an ear, providing refuge from violence and affording the counseling assistance, among other vital services to victims of these merciless crimes, the Rockland Family Shelter is an invaluable asset to our local communities.

Best wishes for a joyous evening and continued success in the future.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to send my greetings to each of you attending the 12th Annual Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner, hosted by the Rockland Family Shelter. I am especially pleased to join my voice with yours in recognizing tonight's honorees, Dr. Arlene W. Clinkscale and Mr. Herbert Kurz.

Since its inception, the Rockland Family Shelter has expanded and developed its programs that benefit thousands of women and children. I commend the Shelter's staff, volunteers and friends who are dedicated to ending violence, abuse and neglect in the lives of women and children so that they can live with dignity and without fear. I am grateful for your efforts to promote safe, healthy and nurturing family environments for women and children who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. It is my hope that your efforts inspire others to support and strengthen the families in their own communities.

I send my congratulation and my best wishes to everyone for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator

Dear Friends,

The Rockland Family Shelter, its staff, and volunteers have provided support to battered women and children when these people are in their greatest need and allow them to live without fear.

This year the Shelter is honoring two people distinguished by their lifelong commitment to helping others.

Dr. Arlene W. Clinkscale is the first African American woman to be named a school district superintendent in New York State, leading the Nyack school district. She has served as President of the Rockland Negro Scholarship Fund, as Educational Consultant for Minority Affairs in the Roslyn school district, on the Board of Trustees at St. Thomas Aquinas College, and has twice been appointed to the Rockland Community College Board of Trustees by the Rockland County Legislature, during which she was twice elected Chair.

Herbert Kurz is honored for his lifelong commitment to social justice and philanthropy. He has supported countless human rights, educational, social service and anti-violence organizations in Rockland County and beyond. A steadfast advocate for peace, liberty and equality, and a defender of intellectual freedom, he recently created the Herbert Kurz Chair in Constitutional Rights at the Brooklyn College branch of the City University of New York.

I commend the Rockland Family Shelter and its honorees for their devotion to helping others. They are outstanding and deserve our praise.

Sincerely,



Eliot L. Engel
Member of Congress

Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered at the 12th Annual Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner. I would like to offer my best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

For more than 25 years, Rockland Family Shelter has encouraged women and children whose lives have been devastated by domestic abuse to seek refuge behind its doors. The Rockland Family Shelter has successfully expanded and developed its programs to benefit thousands of women and children. I congratulate Dr. Arlene W. Clinkscale and Herbert Kurz as you honor them for their dedication to ending violence and sexual assault. Please accept my warmest hopes for your continuing success in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Nita M. Lowey
Member of Congress

Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered at the 12th Annual Rockland Family Shelter Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner, particularly honorees Dr. Arlene W. Clinkscale and Herbert Kurz. While I regret that I am unable to join you, I would like to offer my best wishes for a successful and memorable evening as well as my congratulations to Dr. Clinkscale and Mr. Kurz.

It is my pleasure to honor both Dr. Clinkscale and Mr. Kurz. Dr. Clinkscale has provided over 30 years of dedicated service to public education as the first African-American superintendent in New York State. Mr. Kurz has had a lifelong devotion to social justice, human right and education. I would like to thank Dr. Clinkscale and Mr. Kurz for their commitment and service as they are honored this evening.

Once again, please accept my warmest congratulations and thanks. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



David Carlucci
New York State Senator, 38th District

Dear Friends:

It is my honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to the Rockland Family Shelter on the occasion of its 12th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. This year, the Family Shelter continues its tradition of honoring those who have served our community selflessly and effectively. This year's recipients possess the qualities that epitomize just what it means to be a distinguished citizen.

Arlene Klinkscale has distinguished herself proudly as an educator. As Nyack Schools Superintendent, she led with vision and foresight. Today she is best known for her dedication and leadership as a trustee of our county treasure, Rockland Community College.

Herb Kurz has exhibited unparalleled generosity in his support for under-represented persons and communities in Rockland County. He has earned a reputation as a caring benefactor and as a champion of constitutional and civil rights.

At this time we honor the Rockland Family Shelter for its accomplishments as well. From its beginning, the Family Shelter has been a beacon to those without hope, a safe space where survivors can begin to imagine a future without fear. This has been achieved with tireless dedication. I remain committed to doing whatever I can to assist the Rockland Family Shelter in providing Rockland with its irreplaceable and life-saving services.

Sincerely,



Ellen C. Jaffee
Member of Assembly

Dear Friends,

Thank you for inviting me to the Rockland Family Shelter 12th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner to be held on May 1, 2011.

It gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to the esteemed honorees who are deserving of their high honor. The award recipients, Dr. Arlene W. Clinkscale and Herbert Kurz are to be commended for their notable achievement. Their dedication, commitment, and enduring support to continue the goals and ideals of Rockland Family Shelter are truly admirable. They have become role model citizens in our midst for all to emulate.

I highly commend your organization for providing the opportunity of relief for our women and children who are in desperate need of services to free them from fear and violence. Rockland Family Shelter continues to make an important difference and impact in the lives of these people who desperately need the support and guidance to lead normal and productive lives. May you continue to do the excellent job you have done thus far.

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Sincerely,



Kenneth P. Zebrowski
Member of the Assembly

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the Rockland Family Shelter as it celebrates its 12th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner and honors two deserving honorees: Dr. Arlene W. Clinkscale and Mr. Herbert Kurz.

For over three decades, Rockland Family Shelter has provided critical services to thousands of battered women and children who seek help getting back on their feet. The shelter continues to carry out its mission of helping those in need by educating the public and letting them know they are there for them.

On behalf of all Rocklanders, I want to salute Dr. Arlene W. Clinkscale for her lifetime devotion to education both in and out of the classroom. I also want to pay tribute to Mr. Herbert Kurz for his lifelong commitment to social justice and philanthropy. Both these individuals deserve praise for their distinguished community service and efforts on behalf of the mission of the Rockland Family Shelter.

Special thanks also must go to the dedicated staff, administrators and volunteers of Rockland Family Shelter for their efforts in combating domestic violence.

Congratulation and best wishes for a most enjoyable dinner and many more successful years ahead.

Very truly yours,



C. Scott Vanderhoef
County Executive

Dear Friends:

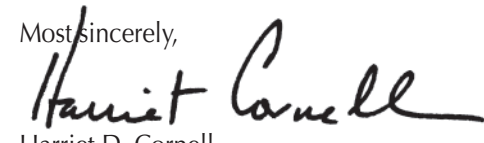
I wish to congratulate Dr. Arlene Clinkscale and Herbert Kurz on receiving this year's Annual Distinguished Citizen Award. I have had the honor of working with both of these individuals for decades and cannot imagine two more worthy honorees.

Simply by pursuing her career in education, Dr. Clinkscale would have done more than most to improve the lives of children in Rockland County. But her passion for children was not only her vocation; it was also her avocation, which is why the children whose lives she bettered weren't those just in her school. And because she knew that the better a child's family, the better that child's chances in this world, she was a pioneer in improving the lives of the families from which our children come. She was a groundbreaker as the first African-American woman to be appointed a public school Superintendent and served for many years as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Rockland Community College. So congratulations, Dr. Clinkscale, on an honor well-deserved.

Congratulations also to Herb Kurz. Not in my lifetime have I seen an assault on the less privileged that I am seeing in our society now. That assault is also aimed at an increasingly beleaguered middle class. Herbert Kurz has always understood that so many of our least fortunate are not where they are because of something they did but rather because of economic, social and educational barriers too difficult to overcome without help. That is why he has been the exemplary philanthropist and advocate for social justice that he has been, and Rockland is among the many places which has benefited. Herb does not wait to be asked; he reaches out to support organizations locally and nationally which mirror his social conscience.

Thank you, Arlene and Herb, for improving the lives of others and thereby improving our own. And thank you, RFS, for the work that you do and for acknowledging the work that these two distinguished citizens have done and continue to do.

Most sincerely,



Harriet D. Cornell
Chairwoman, Rockland County Legislature

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” — Margaret Mead

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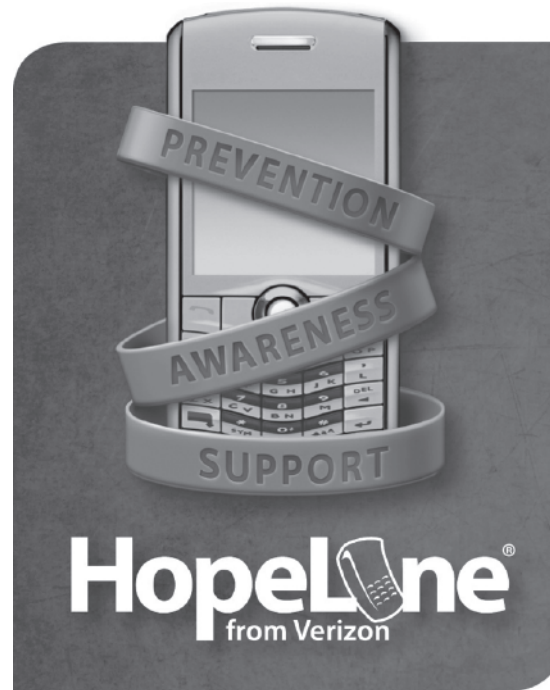
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Arlene Clinkscale

Arlene was born in Brooklyn, NY, the first child and only daughter of Clarence and Ellen Woods. Following the birth of two brothers, the family moved to Virginia. A caring, sensitive person by nature, she was a good listener and her passion for teaching and helping others started early in life. She attended Hampton Institute, where she led programs and counseled classmates as a Resident Assistant, and began her first teaching job immediately after graduation. She was very active in her church and community projects, always trying to be of service whenever possible in the struggle for human rights, peace and justice.

As an educational administrator and leader, Arlene always emphasized a student-centered approach to teaching, learning and administering the educational programs of the school districts in which she served. Whether serving as the Principal of Summit Park Elementary School or Valley Cottage Elementary School, or as Superintendent of the Nyack Public School District, she always put children first.

"The Rockland County journey has been intriguing, interesting, challenging and a time of growth", says Arlene. It began with Arlene being appointed the first black teacher in the Pearl River school district, directly after earning her MA at Columbia Teachers College. A first grader described her as a "brown teacher" and



she found herself fielding questions about the "difference" between teaching white children and teaching black children. Her answer: "A six year old is a six year old and they have the same needs and desires. They want respect, love and to be taught – they all want to learn and they are overjoyed when they achieve." In her after school life, simply securing housing was a problem; her family's

rental applications were routinely rejected due to a wide range of unfounded excuses, until they finally ended up before the Human Rights Commissioner in New York City.

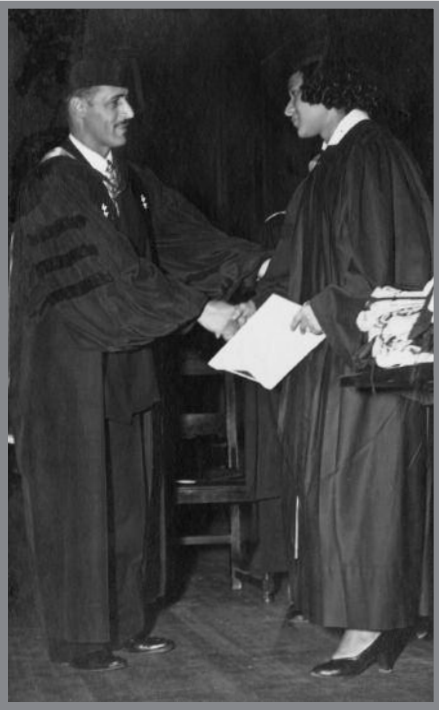
Despite the challenges she faced, Arlene forged ahead. In 1969 Arlene was appointed a principal in the East

Ramapo school district, making her the first black principal in Rockland County. Her mission to bring people together and create the best possible learning environment for all made her an ideal administrator from the start. East Ramapo was beginning integration efforts, and there was much work to be done. In a discussion about the Pledge of Allegiance during an assembly, a fourth grader said: "The Pledge says 'Liberty and Justice for All' and we don't have liberty and justice for all". This exchange further ignited her passionate efforts to effect change, which eventually earned her a place in the Rockland County Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Arlene recruited teachers she felt would be the best match for the student body, hired consultants to help with integration efforts,



and encouraged staff initiated projects and activities to resolve problems. As a board member at the Martin Luther King Jr. Multipurpose Center she contributed valuable suggestions about how the organization could be more responsive to the needs of the community it serves, and devoted considerable time and effort to the implementation of those suggestions.



Arlene has served as board member and President of the Rockland Negro Scholarship Fund, and as a member and Chairperson of the scholarship committee of her church. In both roles she was instrumental in recognizing high-achieving students of color and rewarding them with scholarships to college. For the past few years RNSF has awarded a scholarship in the name of Arlene - a proud graduate of a historically black college - to a graduating high school student who intends to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education.

When she became Principal of Valley Cottage Elementary School she inherited an environment filled with turmoil, following the longest strike in the State and three predecessors over the course of four years.

Characteristically, she lost no time in turning things around, and under her leadership the school gained widespread recognition for its many positive programs and activities.

In 1980 Arlene was appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Nyack School District, making her the first black female superintendent in the State of New York. Arlene will never know whether her greatest challenge was being a woman or being black, but she does know that both presented their share of obstacles. Certainly it was a long and often difficult journey, during which she encountered hard days and telling assumptions; such as being presumed to be a man based on her title, or the wife of a superintendent at professional gatherings.

Despite the hard times, Arlene loved her work, and it showed. Teaching had shown her the impact that working with young people in their formative years has on their future. Her philosophy of educational administration stems from a profound appreciation not only of students, but of the challenges that face teachers as well. Her skill at building consensus is lauded wherever she has worked or volunteered her time.

During her tenure as Chairwoman of the Rockland Community College Board of Trustees, Arlene has led by example. Her colleagues credit her with playing a large role in the college's steady growth, the result of her hands-on engagement with activities, programs and classes. Throughout her service on the RCC Board of Trustees Arlene has worked closely with countless students, often



staying in touch with them after they graduate and helping them pursue their professional goals.

Although she continues to be energetically involved in many community projects, Arlene devotes much of her time to Rockland Community College these days. During her tenure there she learned about the vital role community colleges can play in our nation. The student needs are many, and for many of them this is an important chance to succeed. A scholarship has been launched in her name to help a student who shows potential and is motivated to go to school but cannot afford the tuition.

Arlene was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from St. Thomas Aquinas College, and has received many awards for her work over the course of her career, both locally and



"Arlene W. Clinkscale, who is referred to as Cees to us, has always been a prominent woman in our lives. Although growing up is difficult for every young person, Cees has always made it a little easier. She is there not only to lend us advice academically and personally, but to love us unconditionally. We can both say that we admire and respect her as a hardworking, compassionate woman who will always be a vital influence in our life."

- Stacey & Ashley Ward.

nationally. To this day she is a strong, committed leader who rises to every challenge with grace, marching steadily forward on behalf of others. A mentor to students, teachers and administrators alike, she is a devoted humanitarian who has helped pave the way for literally countless individuals in our community over the past five decades.

Herbert Kurz

Herbert Kurz and his family moved to Rockland County in 1959, established a successful business at the crossroads of Main Street and Broadway in Nyack and, through their philanthropic activities, have touched the lives of nearly everyone in the county.

Born in Harlem, New York, in 1920 to his mother Mollie and father Max, Herb and his family soon moved to Brooklyn where he was surrounded by uncles and cousins from his mother's side of the family, the Ewens, for empowering discussions. Brooklyn was Herb's home through elementary school, junior high school, James Madison High School, and finally Brooklyn College, where he received a B.A. in 1941.



In January of 1942, not long after Pearl Harbor, Herb volunteered for the Air Corps and became a navigator. The next four years were spent in active, dangerous roles, ranging from a decorated five-month rescue stint and bombing in Greenland with dozens of hazardous flights ferrying planes to India, Egypt, and Africa, ending on February 12, 1943 when his B-26, on its way from Africa to England, made a forced landing in Portugal. Herb and crew were interned until a release was negotiated between the U.S. and Portugal. (Ask Herb about tennis in Portugal!) The agreement precluded Herb's further flying near Portuguese controlled territories.



He was assigned to learn and then teach LORAN (a new navigation system) at New Castle Air Force Base in Delaware. He was then chosen to develop a similar, larger facility on the West Coast, at March Field near

San Francisco. This was a huge success, pounding out an ever increasing supply of better equipped navigators; but with the war moving closer to an invasion of Japan the need was even greater. Rather than having flyers travel one at a time to the existing classes, a special LORAN classroom plane to train a dozen at a time was built, enabling

Herb to island hop, teaching classes in the many Pacific locations, such as Pearl Harbor, Biak and Hollandia.

Upon release from the service and return to civilian life, Herb and several friends formed Veterans Against Discrimination, which grew and grew and, after mergers, became part of the Civil Rights Congress.

Civilian business life was not a cakewalk and offered Herb little in interest and less in money. By accident, Herb obtained life insurance and securities licenses and started selling life insurance and equity packages with great success.



Herb married a Vermont girl, Edythe Levin, and together they had two children, Leonard and Ellen. Herb and his family made the move upstate to Rockland County, and purchased their first house in West Nyack.



During this period, the N.Y. Insurance Department was awarding licenses to many new, small companies. Herb joined this fray and in 1965 founded Presidential Life Insurance Company, which he grew slowly and carefully, nurturing shareholder value. Of the hundreds of companies established during this period, Herb led Presidential to be one of the few (some say the only one) to succeed.

Was this the way to go? Yes! It was apparent when Presidential became the stock of the 1980's, having the greatest ten-year



appreciation—a reported 9637%—of any N.Y. Stock Exchange and OTC stock in the country. This validated Herb's frugal, shareholder-oriented approach.

Herb made Presidential not only a money making venture, but also a model of corporate responsibility. During his 46-year stint as CEO,

one share of stock (originally costing \$6) grew to 100 shares with stock splits and to a market value of more than \$14. Wow! \$1 to \$14 for each share plus quarterly dividends.

As the company grew, Herb turned some of his attention to a cherished trio of needs: The Constitution, Academic Freedom, and Freedom of the Press.

He financed the Center for Constitutional Rights' Supreme Court victory forcing the government to give prisoners their rights under the Geneva Convention.

Herb established the Frederic Ewen Center for Academic Freedom at New York University and a Constitutional Chair at Brooklyn College.

(Given his Brooklyn roots, Herb wonders how they managed to slip the Brooklyn Dodgers past him to L.A.)

Herb's goals of achieving his big three—The Constitution, Freedom of the Press and Academic Freedom—are a wonderful start,

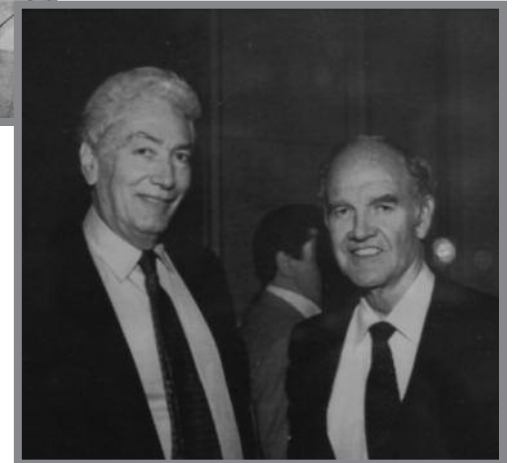


but paltry in his mind in the context of the monumental needs of our current world. Without a good job, a healthy, well-fed family, and hope for the future, these abstract concepts are meaningless.

Recent events in Japan underscore the futility Herb feels. Just look up the river to see part of its impact on our community, yet there's a growing force opposing change at Indian Point's nuclear power plant mainly

from those that live elsewhere. Herb believes we need a few Einsteins with their vast, unselfish intellect.

Still a forward thinker, Herb believes that it's his responsibility—as well as others here—to work to fill the many voids and create a climate in which jobs are available without discrimination, education and health facilities are in



abundance, and the wonders of this great country are available to all of its people. Toward that end, he has focused his own and his foundation's direction toward supporting the colleges, hospitals, libraries, senior citizen centers, food banks, and other political and social entities that strive to be successful and to make a better life for the masses of people in the generations to follow.

Continuing a fight that started in college at age 18, Herb at 91 is still working toward these ends, and on all cylinders.

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Pat Carroll has been part of the morning routine for hundreds of thousands throughout the tri-state for 15 years as Morning Co-Anchor on WCBS Radio. Listeners rely on her for the crucial information they need to start their day and they know they can count on her calm presence to guide them through the big events.

Pat also co-hosts the WCBS Opening Bell Report, a daily half-hour business show which includes her "Women in Business" program, winner of the 2010 Gracie Award for best feature.

Ms. Carroll is the longtime host of the daily Parents' Magazine feature "Raising our Kids," broadcast around the country on the CBS Radio/Westwood One Network.

She is the host of the semi-annual WCBS Working Women's Luncheon, moderating a dialogue which connects her audience with accomplished women in the entrepreneurial and corporate worlds from fields as diverse as publishing, finance, design, and politics.

Pat Carroll was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and received a Bachelor's degree from Brown University.



Cathy B. is a RFS Resource Council Member. The Resource Council consists of a small but powerful group of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors which have joined forces with the mission to participate in the movement to end gender based violence and to support the work of RFS.

Cathy has been participating in Legislative Awareness Day in Albany, NY, since 2007. Her artwork has been selected for the cover of the guide "Finding Safety and Support", a publication for the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence for the State of New York. Cathy's speaking engagements include having been a panelist for the Survivor Centered Advocacy Institute, a national conference, hosted by the Center for Survivor Agency and Justice in Washington, D.C.



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William J. Flynn served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict. Mr. Flynn is the Chairman of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy and is a Trustee of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center.

Mr. Flynn is former Chairman of the Board of The Life Insurance Council of New York and former Chairman of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, The Ireland Chamber of Commerce in the United States and St. Vincent's Services. He also sat on many boards including The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, The American Irish Legal Research and Education Foundation, The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, the U.S.

Army War College Board of Visitors, The Catholic Health Association of the United States, The Catholic University of America Board of Regents, Covenant House, Fordham University, and the Advisory Committee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Mr. Flynn is also a former member of the Board of the Police Athletic League, Pope John XXIII Medical-Moral Research and Education Center, the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York, The United Students Aid Funds and United Way International.

In 1983 Mr. Flynn was the recipient of the Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi Award, the highest honor of Catholic Charities. He received the United Way of America's National Professional Leadership Award and The National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award in 1984. Mr. Flynn received the Israel 40th Anniversary Medal from the State of Israel and Catholic Charities Bishop's Humanitarian Award, Diocese of Brooklyn. He has received the American Cancer Society's Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Memorial Award, a Calvary Hospital Medal, The Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Lewis & Clark Fellow Award.

In 1994 Mr. Flynn was the inaugural recipient of The Human Rights and Business Award of The International League for Human Rights and the Prime Minister of Ireland, Albert Reynolds, recognized Mr. Flynn's contributions to the Northern Ireland peace process at the Tribute Dinner in his honor.

In March of 1996, Mr. Flynn was the Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. In the spring of 1997, Mr. Flynn was the inaugural recipient of The National Committee on American Foreign Policy's Initiative for Peace Award. He was honored by Iona College and received The New York City Chapter of the Association of the United States Army's Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Flynn was among the honorees at the December 1999 Peace Links gala in Washington, DC for his help to broker peace in Ireland. In March 2000, Mr. Flynn and Cardinal O'Connor were the first recipients of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Medals.

In 2001 Mr. Flynn received The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the Department of the Army for extraordinary service as an expert consultant on the U.S. Army War College Board of Visitors. In 2002 he was awarded the Benjamin Rush Award for Humanistic Values in Corporate and Government Life by Dickinson College; a year later he was honored by the National Museum of Catholic Art and History for his tireless efforts to bring peace to Ireland and awarded the John F. Kennedy National Achievement Award by the St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke, Massachusetts.

In 2005 Mr. Flynn received the Humanitarian All-Star award from the Police Athletic League, and a Special Peacemaker in Action Award "for a lifetime devoted to conflict resolution" from the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding. In 2007 Prime Minister of Ireland Bertie Ahern presented Mr. Flynn with a photograph of the Farmleigh handshake, inscribed by Prime Minister Ahern and Dr. Ian Paisley, for tireless work over the years in fostering peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Flynn was awarded an honorary Commander of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of his exceptional contribution to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, receiving his award at an investiture ceremony in Washington DC in 2009.

Mr. Flynn was with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States from 1953 to 1971 where he was Vice President, Group Operations. In 1971 he joined Mutual of America as President. In 1972 he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer and in 1982 Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. He served as Chairman of the Board from 1982 until his retirement in May 2005 when he was named Chairman Emeritus. He and his wife Peg have four children; Maureen, William, James and Robert (now deceased) and eleven grandchildren.



Elwood J. Thornton, III is a trailblazer in the architectural field as a professional trained jointly in architecture, planning and new community development. A visionary, Mr. Thornton is known for developing state-of-the-art facilities, community services and programs. To enhance his creativity and meet the challenges accompanying change he earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Hampton University and three Master of Arts degrees from Catholic University and the University of North Colorado. Areas of concentration included city and regional planning, architectural and urban design, and planning with emphasis on public administration, new community

development and health.

Throughout his career, Mr. Thornton worked in multidisciplinary positions within the United States Government on federal and state levels as well as in the private sector. He has based his career around the belief that, "Planning for community services and the planning for community facilities are inseparable." Mr. Thornton raised decision makers' levels of understanding about issues surrounding economic, social, physical and environmental conditions in solving community problems.

Working within a government think tank he helped develop health and social services policies. Mr. Thornton was often reminded of being one of a limited number of architects, and possibly the only one, who worked in the implementation of over 250 social services programs within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. He assisted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in building innovative office and research laboratories throughout the US, including the FDA Northeast Regional Office on the York College campus in Jamaica, NY, and the FDA Headquarters campus in Silver Spring, MD.

In addition to his civilian career Mr. Thornton retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. Some of his most rewarding experiences were the humanitarian assignments working with foreign governments through host nation agreements.

Mr. Thornton continues to serve on several professional committees. He is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, associate member of the American Institutes of Architects and a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He has written several published articles on health planning, new community development and community life. This decorated officer has also received a variety of professional and personal awards. He consistently advocates for programs to benefit the disabled community by serving on boards such as Silver Spring's CHI Centers, the Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement and the Association for Retarded Citizens – Howard County.

Mr. Thornton and his wife of 42 years, Jackie, were blessed with three children. To honor the memory of their eldest son, the Thorntons continue serving and advocating for others in the community.

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As of January 2011, RFS has sheltered more than 2,378 women and 4,354 children and responded to over 23,390 hotline calls. During the past year, Domestic Violence Advocates worked with an average of 179 clients per month and received 1,359 hotline calls. Sexual Trauma Advocates worked with an average of 63 clients per month and received 217 hotlines.

- 1979** The emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence opened and 24-hour hotline established.
- 1980** Center for Advocacy and Support Services opened providing court assistance and advocacy for clients who do not need to utilize the shelter.
- 1981** *The Haven*, a transitional housing program, opened its doors to battered women and homeless women and their children (closed July 1995).
- 1984** The community and professional education program is broadened to high school and college students, community groups and professional organizations.
- 1986** Rockland County STOP F.E.A.R. (Family Abuse, Endangering Women and Children, Abuse of All Kinds, Rape and Sexual Assault) Coalition was established.
- 1988** Spanish bi-lingual domestic violence project is established.
- 1993** RFS sponsored the first domestic violence training for Rockland County physicians. RFS developed new 10 week, 30 hour pre-service training for volunteer rape counselors.
- 1994** Started Project Tikvah for Orthodox and Hasidic battered women and their children. Established the Mary Weingard Domestic Violence Law Project for RFS clients.
- 1996** Initiated first domestic violence project housed within the Spring Valley Police Department and established the Haitian Community Services Project.
- 1997** RFS established a program for battered lesbian and bisexual women. This program has grown into the RFS LGBTQ Program.
- 1998** Expanded services to include a Nyack office site and expanded the Haverstraw office. RFS hired Spanish bilingual sexual trauma therapist and started services for lesbian and bisexual women.
- 1999** Established Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program. Formed a partnership with the Village of Spring Valley Police and Volunteer Counseling Services Community Change Project.
- 2000** Spring Valley Domestic Violence Initiative begins. Established the African-American Community Services Project. Opened additional satellite office at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Purpose Center in Spring Valley and at the Central Presbyterian Church in Haverstraw.

- 2001 RFS launched “Safe Mom-Safe Kids”, a collaborative project with Child Protective Services.
- 2002 Completed Domestic Violence Protocol with Rockland County Child Protective Services to better serve the needs of battered women and their children who enter the CPS system.
- 2003 Opened Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program at Nyack Hospital.
- 2004 RFS celebrated its 25th anniversary year with a series of events throughout the community and culminated with a gala celebration in September. Established the Rockland County DELTA Project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and NYSCADV.
- 2005 Purchased non-residential programs and administrative office building and commenced first Rockland Family Shelter Capital Campaign. Opened Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program at Good Samaritan Hospital. Student Activists Ending Dating Abuse (SAEDA) was established.

- 2006 Renovated non-residential services programs and administrative office building and raised over \$2 million for the Capital Campaign.
- 2007 Non-residential program and administrative offices move to 9 Johnsons Lane. In partnership with the Rockland County District Attorney’s office, RFS expands its services to include the Comprehensive Crime Victims Assistance Program.
- 2008 RFS hosted a dedication ceremony for the community to inaugurate the new building in June.
- 2009 RFS celebrated its 30th anniversary year with a series of events throughout the community and a celebration in June at Riverspace honoring RFS Founding Visionaries.
- 2010 RFS opened a satellite office at the *Spirit of Rockland Special Victims Center* on the premises of Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY, collaborating with the District Attorney’s office to provide a multi-disciplinary response team approach to serving victims.

Save the Dates!

Fashion Sale Preview Event

Monday, June 6, 2011

Sixteenth Annual Designer Clothing and Accessory Sale

Wednesday and Thursday, June 15 & 16, 2011

Twenty-Fourth Annual Rockland Road Runners Women's 5K Distance Festival

Saturday, July 9, 2011

Thirty-Second Annual Harvest Auction

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Sixth Annual Simona and Jerome A. Chazen Business Awards Luncheon

Friday, December 2, 2011



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Rockland Family Shelter is a non-profit, grass roots organization serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our mission is to offer services and support that promote safety for women and children while challenging and changing the social systems that tolerate and perpetuate violence and oppression against women and others who are oppressed.

In a society where gender-based violence is an historically rooted and pervasive reality, we are committed to offering services that are relevant and respectful to the diverse communities we serve. It is the vision of Rockland Family Shelter to help create a society in which all individuals can live with dignity and equality, free from fear, violence and oppression.