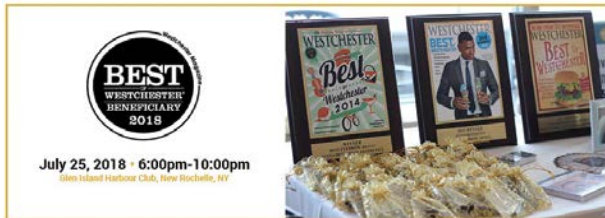




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Embracing Life Free
From Domestic Abuse

HOPE'S DOOR IS CHOSEN AS THE BEST OF WESTCHESTER BENEFICIARY



Hope's Door is thrilled to be chosen as *Westchester Magazine's* Best of Westchester non-profit beneficiary for 2018 and 2019. The 2018 Best of Westchester party is on Wednesday, July 25th from 6:00 PM-10:00 PM at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle.

The magazine's editors and readers voted for their favorite Westchester businesses—restaurants, shopping, and entertain-

ment—throughout the month of February on the *Westchester Magazine* website. The Best of Westchester party will host hundreds of vendors, each of which has won a 2018 Best of Westchester title.

We hope you'll save the date and come join us for this fun event! Hope's Door will be selling VIP tickets to the festival for \$110, which includes early access to the festival and admission to the after-party at NoMa Social in New Rochelle. We will also be selling general admission tickets for \$85 that give access to the event starting at 7:00 PM. You must be at least 21 years old to attend. If you purchase your ticket directly from Hope's Door, 100% of your purchase will benefit our programs and services. You can purchase ticket(s) at <https://hopesdoorny.org/events/best-of-westchester/>

Annual Spring Gala



Co-Chairs Blakely Brodbeck and
Elizabeth Galani Zimmerman



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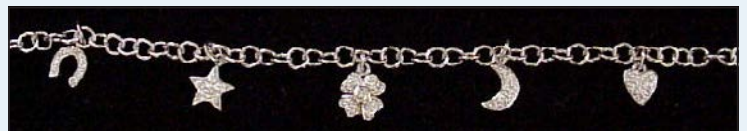
Join us on May 4, 2018 at the Brae Burn Country Club for our 38th Annual Spring Gala where we will honor Lee Manning-Vogelestein! Co-chairs and Board Members Blakely Brodbeck and Elizabeth Galani Zimmerman will welcome you to the evening of entertainment, fine dining, and giving back.

Blakely states, "We are both not only proud Hope's Door Board of Directors members, but as Gala co-chairs, we are also looking forward to honoring Lee Manning-Vogelestein for her many years of dedication and generous support to Hope's Door." Elizabeth adds, "This year's Gala promises to be a really fun event, with a special performance by singer Molly Adele

Brown, a survivor's story of tremendous courage, and a great night of dinner, dancing and fabulous auction items. We hope you'll join us."

The evening will include live music from the band NOIZ, which will get everyone dancing! Our Fund-A-Need, led by Jean Marie Connolly, will focus on additional support for the Youth Prevention Program, summer camps for children we serve, and shelter projects. You are also sure to find something to fit your needs in this year's auction—with such items as sports outings, Broadway shows, and even a weekstay with VIVA Belize!

Special thanks to Jane & Jeffrey Post of Gem Platinum (gemplatinum.com) for their generous raffle contribution of this stunning diamond charm bracelet valued at \$2,300. Raffle tickets are available for purchase on the Hope's Door website.



This year's raffle donated by Jane & Jeffrey Post of Gem Platinum.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Every day I am touched by the outpouring of generosity from our donors and volunteers. In November, Chappaqua Paint and Hardware launched a THANKSgiving promotion that generated support for Hope's Door. In December, many of you helped make the holidays happier for the families we serve. In February, Joni and Louie Lanza sponsored their third Femme Fabulous performance at the Hudson Room in Peekskill to benefit Hope's Door. This was followed by benefit performances of The Vagina Monologues by young women at Manhattanville College and another fabulous performance by even younger women in the Bellatones, the Briarcliff High School's all-female a cappella club. In February, Generocksity hosted a party for SUNY Purchase students to benefit Hope's Door. Others advocated on behalf of victims at hearings on public policy. Others are serving on our Gala Committee, getting ready for our biggest fundraiser of the year to be held on May 4, 2018.

Please know how very grateful we are for all you do to share in our mission to end domestic violence and to empower survivors to achieve safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you.

SHOP AND SHARE AT LILLY PULTIZER EVENT



The Lilly Pulitzer brand began in 1959 by Lilly Pulitzer herself. She was an inspiration to women as a fashion icon and a female role model. As a company, their culture of giving back stems from Lilly's own sentiment, "If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."

Cornelia Callaghan of the Lilly Pulitzer Westchester store says, "We look forward to hosting Hope's Door for the second annual Shop and Share on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 1-4 PM. In addition to customers shopping on the day of the event, we are able to accept pre-sales over the phone, or in person from April 25th-April 28th that will be rung up on April 28th to be eligible for the donation."

Spread the word to your friends and family! Their purchases can help Hope's Door!

Lilly Pulitzer

Saturday, April 28, 2018

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SALMA'S STORY



On a cold February night in 2015, Salma decided enough was enough. She just couldn't live with her husband's on-going physical, mental, and verbal abuse. She feared for her life. She had no family nearby so she decided to call the Hope's Door hotline for advice. Salma met with a domestic violence counselor and began the process of finding safety, learning about her legal options, getting the help of an attorney, and rebuilding her life. Salma was in counsel-

ing for more than a year before showing signs she was ready to take steps to become financially self-sufficient.

The Hope's Door counselor referred Salma to the coordinator of our Next Step Economic Empowerment program. They worked together to identify the barriers preventing Salma

from getting a job and the steps she would take to overcome those barriers and become financially independent. During the first two years Salma was in our Next Step program, she received encouragement and financial support through the Next Step Fund to complete a Home Health Aide vocational training course, enroll in driving lessons, and obtain her driver's license. Salma is currently working on her next goals – to attend English as a Second Language classes and to obtain her GED. Salma now has a full-time job with the flexible hours she needs to focus on her primary goal – securing custody of her children who were kidnapped by the abuser and taken back to his country.

Salma tells us that she will be forever grateful to the Next Step Economic Empowerment program for providing the emotional support and funds to achieve her goals. She embodies the spirit of not only a survivor but also an achiever. She keeps her most important goal, getting her children back and raising them here with her, in mind always. Salma is determined, dedicated, and unstoppable.

NEW YORK STATE CLOSES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LOOPHOLES



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo with New York Assemblywoman Amy Paulin.

Hope's Door has advocated for gun safety for years. Finally, New York State has added ten serious offenses, including strangulation and unlawful imprisonment, to the list of crimes that prohibit convicted abusers from having firearms.

In the aftermath of the victory, NY Assemblywoman Amy Paulin stated, "I've been working to close the domestic violence loophole on guns for a long time. Previously, the law stated that those convicted of domestic violence could not purchase a new firearm, but were not forced to surrender their existing firearms. Now those convicted of domestic violence or stalking will not only lose their gun licenses, but will be required to surrender their firearms, including rifles and shotguns in addition to handguns."

However, this legislation will not keep weapons out of the hands of convicted abusers unless all enforcement systems report properly. As we noted in our last newsletter, the Sutherland Springs shooter passed a background check to purchase a weapon that killed 26 and injured 20 due to the failure of the Air Force to report his court-martial conviction for domestic violence.



A SPECIAL THANKS

to local businesses and community groups who take extra initiative to support Hope's Door through donation drives and events.



Third row down, left to right: Development Associate Caitlin Hayles with Director Leandra Romano and the cast of The Vagina Monologues. Women from Manhattanville College performed The Vagina Monologues and chose Hope's Door as their beneficiary for the seventh year.



Left to right: Martha Obler Kohn, Chappaqua Paint & Hardware owner, Lou Bastone, Chappaqua Paint and Hardware manager, Peter James, Carlla Horton.

Chappaqua Paint & Hardware ran a promotion throughout the 2017 holiday season in which a portion of each sale was donated to Hope's Door.



Back row: Kelly Friedel, Michelle Ho, Camilla Couch, Catherine Flanagan, Charlotte Baer, Chloe Goldstein, Catherine Mazzola, Mathena Chan, Letitia Chan.

Front Row: Julianna Brown, Stephanie Vaream, Juliet Freedman, Sarah Dolgin, Emily Boviero. Not pictured: Sarah Albert, Emma Diller. Briarcliff High School's all-female a cappella club, the Bellatones, sold "Valentines" to their fellow students and teachers. On Valentine's Day, they delivered over 50 songs with proceeds benefiting Hope's Door.

Dear Hope,

Given I have an Order of Protection against my husband for my baby and myself, I asked the court for supervised visitation and got it. My husband seems to control his temper in front of strangers. I'm scared eventually the supervised visits will end and my husband's temper will flare. Should I ask for "anger management" classes for my husband? Do these classes work? Will the classes really help keep my baby safe?

Concerned about my child

Dear Concerned,

You are right to be concerned. Abuser programs seem to be minimally effective. The "anger management" classes are good for those who can't manage their rage no matter where they are. However, a typical domestic abuser focuses his/her rage only on his/her partner...or their child to keep more control over the partner. A typical intimate partner abuser "manages" his/her anger at work and socially, often viewed as the model of a good-natured, calm person. The National Institute of Justice has found intervention programs "have little to no effect on reoffending." Promoting healthy relationships in schools seems to be the current trend for the next generation. But for existing abusers, the most important change you can witness in an abuser is honest remorse for what they did to their partner, their children, and other persons, which is rare. Arrests and court involvement seem to have more impact on minimizing the abuse than classes do.

What I always say to survivors of abuse who still have to co-parent is you have very little control over the abuser. They will do what they want to do—as always—except for what the courts demand. However, you DO have power over YOUR reaction to the abuser's behaviors.

Always put your and your baby's safety first. Get the support you need to feel safe. For example:

- (1) seek domestic violence counseling,
- (2) create a safety plan for you and your baby,
- (3) know your rights under the courts' rulings,
- (4) seek knowledgeable domestic violence legal assistance, and
- (5) keep your order of protection in place.

There are expert domestic violence counselors and advocates who want to help you. Let them. Reach out.

Hope

E-MAIL DEAR HOPE AT: DEARHOPE@HOPESDOORNY.ORG

ALLSTATE AGENTS' COMMUNITY SERVICE GARNERS GENEROUS GRANT

Westchester County-area Allstate agency owners recently joined with others to secure a \$27,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands® grant to benefit Hope's Door. The National Network to End Domestic Violence, accepted the grant and distributed the funding to local domestic violence nonprofits.

"With 1 in 4 women experiencing domestic violence in her lifetime, this is an issue that affects every community, including those here in Westchester County," said Kayla Taylor, Allstate New York Region Corporate Relations Associate Manager. "We're so proud to give back through the volunteer efforts of these local Allstate agency owners and The Allstate Foundation's community grants to help further the work of Hope's Door to help survivors gain what all people deserve — a life free of violence, a safe home and a more hopeful future."

Allstate volunteers earned the grant for their local domestic violence organizations by collecting much-needed items during a supply drive held in November and December, coinciding with the [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#). Each agency owner who held a drive was able to support a domestic violence non-profit of their choice with \$1,000 in grant money.

"The fact that 27 Allstate agents were willing to host a donation drive for Hope's Door and so many local residents participated by giving what they could is truly heart-warming. This sends a clear message to victims they're not alone and people really do care! Thank you to all involved," said Jennifer Ryan Safsel, Director of Development and Community Relations for Hope's Door.



ALLSTATE AGENCY OWNER VOLUNTEERS (NAMES LISTED BELOW)

Thank you to the participating Allstate agency owner volunteers for their kind support:

Back row, left to right:

- R.A. Mobile
- Juan Gonzales, New Rochelle
- Frank Campo, Hastings on Hudson
- William Fitzgerald, Irvington
- Chris Marinaccio, Scarsdale
- Peter Cuomo, Valhalla
- Jim Clark, Territorial Sales Leader at Allstate Insurance Company
- Peter DeLuca, Yonkers

- Eddie Ledesma

- Al Buglione, Mount Vernon

Front row, left to right:

- Kayla Taylor, Sr. Communications Consultant Corporate Relations, NY Region
- Ryan Cosgrove, White Plains
- Colleen Torpie, Thornwood
- Rosa Mejias, Yonkers
- CarlLa Horton, Hope's Door Executive Director
- Deborah Stockton, Bronxville

- Laura Menegazzo, Carmel

- Jennifer Ryan Safsel, Hope's Door Director of Development & Community Relations
- Joe Spadafino

Not pictured:

- Roberto Aste, Yonkers
- Ralph Borsella, Rye
- David Cohen, Brooklyn, Yonkers, Yorktown Heights
- Owen Cosgrove, Tarrytown
- Geoffrey Csenge, Larchmont

- Michael Daly, Harrison
- Philip Eifert, Katonah
- Charles Gadino, Mount Kisco
- Robin Grund, Jefferson Valley
- Robert Labarbera, Mamaroneck
- Ivette Ledesma, Yonkers
- Jaime Nunes, Yonkers
- Janet Prince, Lagrangeville
- Lesly Vixama, New Rochelle

HOPE'S DOOR HIGHLIGHTED TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Youth Educators Emily Benvenga and Shannon Sullivan with Albert Leonard Middle School R-STAR students.

Given February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, it's a busy time for the Hope's Door Youth Prevention Program. Youth Educators Shannon Sullivan and Emily Benvenga facilitated special events at schools in addition to their prevention-based classroom workshops and Students Talking About Relationships (STAR) Peer Leadership meetings. At The Ursuline School's "Healthy Relationships Candy-gram" event, students were able to purchase and personalize Valentine's Day candy-grams for their friends, teachers, or significant others. Information was available for students sending candy-grams about STAR and how to sign up to join their school's STAR chapter. New Rochelle High School hosted "Beading the Odds" which is a yearly tradition during February to bring focus to the month's cause. One in every three students was given purple beads to wear at the beginning of the day in order to demonstrate the percentage of teens affected by dating abuse. In addition to these on-site events, the Youth Prevention Program used social media to raise awareness of teen dating violence. Shannon and Emily posted a fact about teen dating abuse each day of the month. They also ran a weeklong Instagram challenge to involve our teen followers.



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El Hogar. Es donde debes sentirse seguro y protegido. Hope's Door. Somos a quien llamar si no lo estas.

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We want to thank our early sponsors of the event: **Platinum:** The Daly Family Foundation, Inc.; **Gold:** Blakely & Marty Brodbeck, Diamond Properties, Penney & Gerard Klingman, Martha & Jeffrey Kohn, Lee Manning-Vogelstein, Elizabeth & David Zimmerman; **Silver:** Jean Marie Connolly, Laurie & Paul Sturz, The Westchester Bank; **Friends:** Aimia/Wendy & Tom Gardner, Carlson & Carlson, Inc, ECCO Development, LLC, Debra & Jim Kousouros, The Peloso-Barnes Group at Morgan Stanley, Regional News Network, Sadis & Goldberg, LLP; John & Adele Talty; **Benefactors:** Ambassador April H. Foley, Dan Schorr; **Patrons:** Jennifer & Harry Bonhomme, Elizabeth B. Carlton, Ingrid & John Connolly, Erika Garcia-Lavyne & Jose A. Garcia-Gonzalez, Honorable Amy Paulin.

For more information or to purchase event or raffle tickets, visit HopesDoorNY.org/events/2018-annual-spring-gala/



Annual Spring Gala

Friday, May 4, 2018

Brae Burn Country Club, Purchase, NY

6:30 PM-11:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE BEST OF WESTCHESTER PARTY



Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Glen Island Harbour Club, New Rochelle

The weather is getting warmer and it's time to plan for some summer activities! Join us for the Best of Westchester Party with Hope's Door as the beneficiary.

Purchase your tickets at the following link and the entire ticket value will be donated to Hope's Door:

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