

Community Service Award Winners

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Phil Cleary

North Syracuse Education Association

David Gordon

Mahopac Teachers Association

Lisette Lauren Lors

Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association

Meg McElroy

Hicksville Congress of Teachers

Lauren Perfetti

Syosset Teachers Association

RETIREES

Deborah Beis

Grand Island Teachers Association/RC 1

NYSUT Retirees of Western New York RC 1

Delores Johnson

United Federation of Teachers/RC 2

Geraldine Swanson

United Federation of Teachers/RC 2

Beverly A. Voos

Webster Teachers Association/RC 6

Donna Breen

West Genesee District Teachers Association/RC 7

Carolyn Gross

North Syracuse Education Association/RC 7

H. Benjamin Frisbie

Owego-Apalachin Teachers Association/RC 11

Jeanne Williams Bennett

Ilino Mohawk United Teachers/RC 12

Victoria Schulte

Rondout Valley Federation of Teachers & School Related Personnel/RC 13

Kay Staplin

Somers Faculty Association/RC 15

Mary Schmidt

Rockville Centre Teachers Association/RC 18

Judy Phillips

North Babylon Teachers Organization/RC 20

Joan C. Tschopp

Teachers Association of Lindenhurst/RC 20

The Bay Shore Retired Teachers' Association RC 21

Joseph LaChat

Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association RC 21

Joy Squires

Elwood Teachers Alliance/RC 23

Albert Sarasohn

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

NYSUT Retiree Council #44 RC 44

Louise Seereiter

Joint Retiree Council 44/RC 44

Cathy Savage

Joint Retiree Council 45/RC 45

NYSUT Life Line Honor Roll

The NYSUT Life Line Honor Roll recognizes those members who help to save a life.

Tara Camilleri

Massapequa Federation of Teachers

Tara immediately notified the school nurse, Kathy Perednia, when a TA in her classroom collapsed. She then relocated her students to nearby classrooms so a response team could set up.

Kathy Perednia

Massapequa

When notified of the emergency, Kathy set into action the emergency plan for their campus by calling 911 and using building radios to notify the trained response team. She located the classroom and began CPR. She suc-

cessfully used the Automated External Defibrillator.

Robert Tucker

Massapequa Federation of Teachers

Robert retrieved the AED.

Erik Lassen

Massapequa Federation of Teachers

Erik prepared the AED.

Anastasia DeBonis

Bay Shore Classroom Teachers' Association

After a student suffered a fall and head injury which resulted in seizures, Anastasia wrapped the student's head in her vest to limit blood loss.

She then cleared the student's airway when she realized the student was not breathing, while keeping pressure on the head wound and talking to the student to assess alertness. She gave direction to those around her to help control the situation, and accompanied the student in the ambulance to the hospital until the student's parents arrived.

Richard Glaser

United University Professions


Richard rescued a teenager who had lost control of her SUV on a wet roadway and crashed into a building. The

teen was able to crawl out of the vehicle and Richard pulled her to safety and out of the fire just before the entire building was engulfed in flames.

Elizabeth Miller

Middle Country Teachers Association

Elizabeth noticed a student choking. She performed the Heimlich maneuver, which dislodged the piece of food. Her immediate and calm reaction saved his life.



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Local Community Service Award Winners

Created as a result of a resolution passed at the 1996 NYSUT RA, this award recognizes those locals that have made a collective and sustained contribution to community service during the previous year. The efforts on the part of these locals have not only enhanced the learning opportunities of students, but also enriched the quality of life in their communities.

Associated Teachers of Huntington

James Graber, President

The Associated Teachers of Huntington consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Creating a reading program for district children incentivizing reading outside of school.
- Contributing to Helping Hands Mission and Huntington Foundation for Excellence.
- Awarding \$5,000 in scholarships to five Huntington graduates entering the field of education.
- Contributing more than \$300 to assist families of Verizon workers on strike.

Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association

Michael Krieger, President

The Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Brightwaters Tree Lighting and the Bay Shore Community Summit.
- Contributing \$500 to the American Cancer Society, Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Bay Shore/Brightwaters Ambulance and the Bay Shore Fire Department.
- Awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to Bay Shore High School seniors.
- Sponsored Bay Shore Youth Football, Bay Shore Drama Club and Bay Shore Lions Club.

Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers

Mark Steinberg, President

The Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Bellmore and Merrick Street Fairs.
- Contributing \$9,889 to many charities, including Ride for Life, and the Kiwanis Club of Bellmore.
- Awarding \$6,000 in scholarships to 10 senior high school students.
- Sponsoring the Bellmore-Merrick Council of PTA, Bellmore-Merrick Cultural Arts and more.

Bethpage Congress of Teachers

Karen Thomas, President

The Bethpage Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Contributing \$1,000 to Challenge Day for high school sophomores.
- Contributing \$2,500 to the American Breast Cancer Walk.
- Collecting more than 100 toys for the Lexi Bean Foundation for Schneider's Children Hospital.
- Sponsoring the New Teacher Training Workshops, Safe Halloween and the BHS yearbook.

Buffalo Teachers Federation

Philip Rumore, President

The Buffalo Teachers Federation consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in many events including the Variety Club Telethon, Gospelfest and the Juneteenth Festival.
- Contributing approximately \$35,000 to charities including SABAH, Inc., E.P.I.C., Shea's Performing Arts Center and Junior Achievement of WNY.
- Awarding \$2,560 in scholarships to the University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc., Say Yes to Buffalo and other foundations.

Carthage Teachers Association

Patricia Sheehan, President

The Carthage Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in VFW Christmas Trees for Deployed Soldiers and the Elks Club shoe drive.
- Contributing to Hospice of Jefferson County, Senior Citizen Transportation Services and other charities.
- Awarding \$2,200 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring a Memorial Day Flag Display in honor of military heroes, and a local veteran's Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

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Cheektowaga Central Teachers Association

Jeffrey Kummel, President

The Cheektowaga Central Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and Smarter Schools Campaign among other events.
- Contributing \$2,150 to charities including Adopt-A-Family holiday drive, Friends of the Night People.
- Awarding \$1,200 in scholarships to a graduating senior planning to pursue a career in teaching.
- Sponsoring Project Positive, National Honor Society, Football Boosters and the yearbook.

Commack Teachers Association

Tristram Stewart, President

The Commack Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in phone banks for elections, Jones Beach Breast Cancer Walk and many other community events.
- Contributing \$3,716 to charities including Avon Breast Cancer Walk, Autism Speaks, St. Baldrick's, Locks of Love among others.
- Awarding \$2,000 in scholarships to Michael Campione and Alexa Tiberia.
- Sponsoring the Commack Coalition of Caring Walk/Run, Hand Warmers for the Homeless.

Eden Teachers Association

Nancy Baker, President

The Eden Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Eden Boys and Girls Trivia Night and Adopt-A-Highway.
- Contributing \$4,660 to charities including Eden Volunteer Fire companies and Eden Library.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to an Eden senior going into the education field.
- Sponsoring Eden Athletic Association, 16U Travel Softball team and The Eden Community Foundation.

Erie 1 Professional Education Association

Donna L. Walters, President

The Erie 1 Professional Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and The Hospice Foundation of WNY.
- Contributing to the following charities: Western New York Food Bank and American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$1,000 in scholarships to an EPEA member dependent.

Faculty Association Suffolk County Community College

Kevin Peterman, President

The Faculty Association Suffolk Community College consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Professors on Wheels Program and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
- Contributing \$5,585 to campus food pantries for students and Making Strides Walk.
- Sponsoring the ZimKids Orphan Trust campus visit.

Falconer Education Association

Lisa Arnone, President

The Falconer Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Walk for Paws, Junior Achievement Bowling and Toys for Tots.
- Contributing \$5,000 to various charities, including: Kallie's Crusade, Art Beats Cancer and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
- Awarding a \$500 scholarship to a nursing student at Pitt Bradford.
- Sponsoring the Falconer After Prom and Senior Vigil.

Farmingdale Federation of Teachers

Claire Zatorski, President

The Farmingdale Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Farmingdale Community Summit and Health Expo and the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing more than \$1,000 to charities, including: YES Counseling Center and district holiday food drives.
- Awarding \$5,750 in scholarships to graduation seniors and elementary and middle school graduates.
- Sponsoring a youth basketball team in Farmingdale and senior citizen receptions on the opening nights of school plays.

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Hastings Teachers Association

Nate Morgan, President

The Hastings Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Terry Ryan Memorial Run.
- Contributing more than \$11,000 to VOTE-COPE and more than \$2,000 to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
- Awarding \$1,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring Hastings Little League and Hastings softball.

Hicksville Congress of Teachers

Tom Glenn, President

The Hicksville Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Hicksville Wellness Fair, Island Harvest Food Drive and Talent For Troops fundraiser.
- Contributing \$2,500 to various charities, including the Sarah Grace Foundation.
- Awarding \$3,750 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors.
- Sponsoring youth baseball, softball and football teams, and Kindergarten “Welcome Packs.”

Island Park Faculty Association

Patricia Collins, President

The Island Park Faculty Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Community Day, Needy Family Food Drive and JDF Walk.
- Contributing \$2,000 to Island Park Little League, JDRF, LI Crisis Center, Oliver’s Fund, and other organizations.
- Awarding \$9,000 to 18 graduating students going on to continue their education.
- Sponsoring Island Park Little League and LI Opt Out Bus.

Jericho Teachers Association

Ronald Verderber, President

The Jericho Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Jericho Middle School Holiday Breakfast Fundraiser for the Jericho Middle School Family Fund in December.
- Contributing \$4,017 to the following charities: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk; Ride for Life (ALS); and the Special Education Parent Teacher Association.
- Sponsoring the senior high music production.

Mahopac Teachers Association

Thomas McMahon, President

The Mahopac Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Tip a Teacher, Charity Game Show, Holiday Craft Fair, and other events.
- Contributing \$3,000 to Community Cares, St. John’s Food Pantry and Toys for Tots.
- Awarding \$5,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, 8th graders and 5th graders.
- Sponsoring the Community Cares Little Black Dress party.

Malverne Teachers Association

Michelle Thomson, President

The Malverne Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Relay for Life, 5K Run/Walk for Education and the Malverne Breast Cancer Walk.
- Contributing \$500 to the following charities: the American Cancer Society, Back Packs for Education, and Sponsor a Student.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to the Malverne valedictorian and salutatorian, Malverne Friend of Education and Elementary School Camp Fund for Students.
- Sponsoring the Malverne Education and Fitness Foundation Run, Community First Responder Breakfast, and the high school breast cancer walk.

Massapequa Federation of Teachers

Tomia Smith, President

The Massapequa Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Massapequa’s Wellness Run and sustainable food drive for local pantry.
- Contributing \$3,000 to the music department, Dig Pink Volleyball Game, faculty recital for music scholarships and Making Strides Walk.
- Awarding students going into the education or labor relations fields.

Middle Country Teachers Association

Nadia Resnikoff, President

The Middle Country Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in creating Veteran’s Day cards for local veterans, coat drives, food drives and book drives, among other events.

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- Contributing \$5,000 to Breast Cancer/Relay for Life charities, and other organizations.
- Awarding \$20,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring an award night, honoring more than 50 students from pre-k to seniors for their achievements.

Newark Teachers Association

Mary Daly, President

The Newark Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Newark Community Pride Day and Beautification of the Village project.
- Contributing \$800 to the United Way Campaign, Making Strides and the Newark Public Library.
- Awarding \$500 in scholarships to a Newark High School senior (graduating) who has chosen to enter the field of education.
- Sponsoring the local food drive to benefit and support Newark Food Closet, and monetary sponsorships of district athletic clubs.

Niagara Falls Teachers

Marcus Latham, President

The Niagara Falls Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Make a Difference Day, Capital Cleaners Coats for Kids Program.
- Contributing \$5,000 to charities including: Firefighters Annual Toy Fund, Niagara Falls Community Mission and the Niagara Police Athletic League.
- Awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to seniors from local area high schools.
- Sponsoring local youth baseball teams, 12 Days of Christmas Food Basket Program.

North Babylon Teachers Organization

Kathryn Dein, President

The North Babylon Teachers Organization consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in collecting baby items for the Deer Park Life Center and the Holiday Gift Drive.
- Contributing \$400 to the DogAbility Center.
- Contributing \$3,049 to Babylon Breast Coalition.
- Sponsoring a "Pink and Denim Day" for breast cancer awareness, adopting the St. Paul's food pantry.

North Syracuse Education Association

John Kuryla, President

The North Syracuse Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Holiday Food Basket and Gift Drive, American Red Cross Blood Drives and other events.
- Contributing \$35,256 to charities including: Meals on Wheels, NYSUT Disaster Relief and Special Olympics.
- Awarding \$4,500 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring a Blood Drive, food drives, St. Baldrick's event and Vera House Collection, among other events.

Panama Faculty Association

Loren Smith, President

The Panama Faculty Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Cancer Walk and a Community Baby Shower for United Way.
- Contributing \$700 to the American Cancer Society, United Way, Panama and Ashville Fire Departments and local families in need.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to four graduating high school seniors to pursue a degree in education.
- Sponsoring the Panama Junior Wrestling Tournament, Panama 5th and 6th grade spelling bee and the Panama Annual Golf Tournament.

Saratoga Adirondack BOCES Employees Association

Ruth Shippee, President

The Saratoga Adirondack BOCES Employees Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Heart Walk and Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk.
- Contributing to the Shelters of Saratoga, Open Door Soup Kitchen and other organizations.
- Awarding \$4,000 in scholarships.

Spencerport Teachers Association

John Kozlowski, President

The Spencerport Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk; and Autism Speaks Walk & First Book event.
- Contributing \$175 to Spencerport's Senior Center.
- Awarding \$12,000 in scholarships to seniors at Spencerport High School.
- Sponsoring one boys and one girls Little League Team and Spencerport's first Robotics Team.

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Syosset Teachers Association

Kim Pritchard, President

The Syosset Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Fourth Annual Turkey Basket Drive, Halloween Candy Collection for the troops, Valentine's for Veterans and Prom Dress drive, among other events.
- Contributing \$5,000 to Sunrise Day camp.
- Awarding Lenny Motisi scholarships.

United College Employees of Fashion Institute of Technology

Roberta Elins, President

The United College Employees of Fashion Institute of Technology consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Remember The Triangle Factory Fire Commemoration, and the New York City Central Labor Council Labor Day Parade.
- Contributing \$15,223 to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition, the Heart Walk and the Alliance for Quality Education.
- Awarding \$7,500 in scholarships to three students receiving UCE of FIT Leadership Awards.
- Sponsoring the Corporate Social Responsibility Conference, and the Constitution Day Postcard Contest.

United Teachers of Harborfields

Susan Turrini, President

United Teachers of Harborfields consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in holiday food drives, charity volleyball tournaments and jeans for a cause.
- Contributing \$8,000 to Harborfields Alliance for Community Outreach and local families in need.
- Awarding more than \$15,000 in scholarships with the Harborfields PTA to seniors.
- Sponsoring Red Nose Day, St. Jude Math-A-Thon and Walk for a Wish.

West Hempstead Educational Association

Barbara Hafner, President

The West Hempstead Educational Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Achieving 100% participation in PTS, PTSA and SEPTA and Homecoming Parade.
- Contributing \$500 to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.
- Awarding scholarships to graduating West Hempstead High School seniors.
- Sponsoring the Thanksgiving food drive, winter coat drive and holiday toy drive.

West Irondequoit Teachers Association

Scott Steinberg, President

The West Irondequoit Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
- Contributing to Going Bald for Bucks, Dodge for Josh dodge ball tournament.
- Awarding \$2,500 in scholarships to Matthew Clements and Kim Caceci.
- Sponsoring the Adam Milne basketball game for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

West Seneca Teachers Association

Joseph Cantafio, President

The West Seneca Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in WNY Heroes Adopt a Family program and variety kids telethon.
- Contributing \$20,000 to charities including Raising Readers, SPCA and St. Jude's.
- Awarding \$6,600 in scholarships to elementary, middle and high school graduates.
- Sponsoring the W. S. Students of Excellence and KTA Zoo Union Night.

Yonkers Federation of Teachers

Patricia Puleo, President

The Yonkers Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in many events including: Chamber of Commerce breakfast meetings, storybook and pajama collection for the Women in Business Committee.
- Contributing more than \$17,000 to various charities.
- Awarding \$9,000 in scholarships to six graduating seniors in the Yonkers Public Schools.
- Sponsoring the Storybook Bonanza and Toys for Tots.

Yorktown Congress of Teachers

Sean Kennedy, President

The Yorktown Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2016, they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in and sponsoring the Bowling Extravaganza.
- Contributing \$2,500 to the Alliance for Safe Kids.
- Awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to four Yorktown High School graduates.
- Sponsoring a food drive.