

Community Service Award Winners

IN-SERVICE

Trish Gallina

Bellport Teachers Association

Robert Lynch

Niagara Falls Teachers

Joe Tortora

Bellport Teachers Association

Constance Havens

Bellport Teachers Association

Marcee Stelley

Orchard Park Teachers Association

RETIREES

Theresa DiPasquale-Mahar

Buffalo Teachers Federation
RC 44

Kathlene Lyman

Niskayuna Teachers Association
RC 12

Bill Dourdis

Wappingers Congress of Teachers
RC 13

Anne Marie Nowak

United Federation of Teachers
RC 24

Joyce Duck

Port Jefferson Teachers Association
RC 23

Melissa Peters

Buffalo Teachers Federation
RC 44

Jean Freeman

West Islip Teachers Association
RC 21

Susan Sklenarik

Sidney Teachers Association
RC 11


Peter Freeman

Teachers Association of Lindenhurst
RC 20

Michael Smith

United Federation of Teachers
RC 24

NYSUT Life Line Honor Roll



NYSUT Life Line Honor Roll

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

Angelina Sciara

Bay Shore Classroom
Teachers' Association

Angelina performed CPR on a student who had stopped breathing after a seizure.

Kerry Tarantino

Mahopac Teachers
Association

On an eighth-grade field trip, Kerry noticed a student from another school having difficulty breathing and in cardiac distress. She administered aid that resulted in saving the student's life.

Kira Martelli

Massapequa Federation of
Teachers

Kira performed the Heimlich maneuver on a student during her lunch duty period.

Pam Petrushesky

Pembroke Teachers
Federation

Pam used the Heimlich maneuver to save the principal from choking.

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.

Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers

Mark Steinberg, President

The Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in both the Bellmore and Merrick street fairs, and Toys for Tots.
- Contributing more than \$3,000 to many charities including NYSUT Disaster Relief and Long Island Cares.
- Awarding \$6,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors in the district.
- Sponsoring the Bellmore-Merrick Cultural Arts Program and One Voice-One Message Walk.

Bellport Teachers Association

Wayne White, President

The Bellport Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- Contributing more than \$6,000 to families of district students who passed away.
- Awarding more than \$5,000 in scholarships to Bellport High School seniors.
- Sponsoring the Brookhaven 5K.

Brocton Teachers Association

Michelle Swanson, President

The Brocton Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Brocton Baptist Church Truck or Treat and PTSA Hallway Trick or Treating.
- Contributing \$700 to Brocton PTSA and the Brocton and Portland volunteer fire departments.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to three students.
- Sponsoring the Community Fall Festival and placing ads in local media for graduating senior(s).

Buffalo Teachers Federation

Philip Rumore, President

The Buffalo Teachers Federation consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Variety Club Telethon, Read Across America, Gospelfest and Juneteenth Festival.
- Contributing \$42,000 to local charities, including: SABAH, Inc., E.P.I.C., and WNY Peace Center.
- Awarding \$3,000 to various scholarship foundations, including Say Yes Buffalo.

Carthage Teachers Association

Patricia Sheehan, President

The Carthage Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in many events including 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 University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc., Say Yes Buffalo and other foundations.

Cheektowaga Central Teachers Association

Jeffrey Kuemmel, President

The Cheektowaga Central Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Smarter Schools Campaign, Polar Plunge and Adopt-a-Highway.
- Contributing more than \$1,000 to charities including Needy Family Fund and Friends of the Night People.
- Awarding \$1,200 to a Cheektowaga Central student entering the teaching profession.
- Sponsoring football boosters, yearbook, Project Positive and National Honor Society.

continued on following page

Local Community Service Award Winners

Commack Teachers Association

John Murray, President

The Commack Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Commack Coalition of Caring Run/Walk and Jones Beach Cancer Walk.
- Contributing \$13,500 to My Face foundation, American Heart Association and Susan G. Komen Foundation.
- Awarding \$2,000 in scholarships to two Commack high school students.
- Sponsoring St. Baldrick's/Locks of Love Campaign and CTA Food Drive for local U.S. Marines for Thanksgiving.

Connetquot Teachers Association

Tony Felicio, President

The Connetquot Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the St. Jude Walk, Wash Kit project and Birthday in a Box Collection.
- Contributing more than \$15,000 to various charities, including: Bide-A-Wee and Bohemia Historical Society Food Drive.
- Awarding more than \$3,000 in scholarships
- Sponsoring Cohalen Children's Center and Connetquot championship volleyball rings.

Falconer Education Association

Lisa Arnone, President

The Falconer Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Chautauqua Regional Youth Sympathy, Walk for Paws and summer reading camp.
- Contributing more than \$6,000 to various charities, including: Toys for Tots, Fight for Seeley and United Way.
- Awarding \$500 to Sydney Kresconko.
- Sponsoring Falconer senior prom and senior vigil, Scholastic Fair and Dig Pink Breast Cancer Awareness volleyball match.

Farmingdale Federation of Teachers

Cordelia Anthony, President

The Farmingdale Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Earthy Day on the Green, Blessings for Bella and PTA Installation Dinner.
- Contributing \$10,000 to charities, including Farmingdale Fire Department and Rotacare Clinic.
- Awarding more than \$5,000 in scholarships to students.
- Sponsoring Playcrafters, Howitt Players and Farmingdale Baseball League.

Greece Teachers Association

Jason Cooney, President

The Greece Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Stuff-a-Bus Food Drive, Winter Coat Drive and Making Strides for Breast Cancer.
- Contributing \$1,550 to charities including American Diabetes Association and Greece Olympia Food Shelf.
- Awarding \$4,500 in scholarships to seniors entering college majoring in education.
- Sponsoring a used instrument drive, Eagles for Education Golf Tournament and Greece sports teams.

Hicksville Congress of Teachers

Tom Glenn, President

The Hicksville Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Hicksville Annual Homecoming Fair, book giveaway and Talent for Troops Fundraiser.
- Contributing \$2,000 to charities including: American Cancer Society and Ride for Life-ALS.
- Awarding \$3,750 in scholarships to graduating Hicksville seniors.
- Sponsoring Valentines for Veterans and Kindergarten Welcome Packets.

continued on following page

Local Community Service Award Winners

Lawrence Teachers Association

Lori Skonberg, President

The Lawrence Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Locks of Love, Christmas toy drive, prom dress collection and mitten drive.
- Contributing \$1,000 to charities including Make-a-Wish, ALS Walk and Inwood Fire Department.
- Awarding \$200 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring The Five Towns Community Center, Unicef, and The Inwood Civic Association.

Lockport Education Association

David Lowrey, President

The Lockport Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the United Way Day of Caring, Buffalo News Kids Day and Peanut Butter And Jelly Drive.
- Contributing \$30,000 to United Way and Scholastic Achievement Awards Dinner for Erie-Niagara County.
- Awarding \$4,000 to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring First Book Program, Color Fun Run, health fair at North Park Jr. High.

Mahopac Teachers Association

Thomas McMahon, President

The Mahopac Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Relay for Life, and the Columbus Day Parade
- Contributing \$4,000 to Community Cares, American Cancer Society and Toys for Tots.
- Awarding \$3,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors, eighth-graders and fifth-graders.
- Sponsoring second Annual Charity Game Show and Holiday Craft Fair.

Massapequa Federation of Teachers

Tomia Smith, President

The Massapequa Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and Sustainable Food Drive for local food pantry.
- Contributing more than \$2,500 to the Massapequa Music Department and Hall of Fame Gold Outing.
- Awarding scholarships to students going into 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 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in creating Veterans Day cards, Thanksgiving food baskets, and coat, book, toy and food drives.
- Contributing up to \$5,000 to Breast Cancer/Relay for Life and other charities.
- Awarding \$20,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring an awards night honoring more than 50 students from pre-k to seniors.

Mineola Teachers Association

Teresa Perrotta Hafner, President

The Mineola Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, holiday lighting, and PTA Regatta.
- Contributing \$1,670 to charities including: Thanksgiving meals and baskets and Mineola Library.
- Awarding \$17,850 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring the Honors Buffet and the New Teacher Orientation Program.

Niagara Falls Teachers

Marcus Latham, President

The Niagara Falls Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Niagara Falls Firefighters Annual Toy Fund 5K and Operation Paperback.
- Contributing \$7,000 to the Firefighters Toy Fund, United Way and Community Museum.
- Awarding \$10,000 to high school seniors.
- Sponsoring four youth sports teams and Project Connect.

Niagara Wheatfield Teachers Association

Darla Schultz-Bubar, President

The Niagara Wheatfield Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Labor Day Parade, Making Strides Walk and Hospice Mighty Niagara Half Marathon.
- Contributing \$2,000 to charities, including: SPCA, Veterans Clothing Drive and Adopt-A-Family.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring Cayuga Little League baseball, #CalloutCollins Rally and basket auction for Puerto Rico.

continued on following page

Local Community Service Award Winners

North Babylon Teachers' Organization

Kathryn Dein, President

The North Babylon Teachers' Organization consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in collecting items for Deer Park Life Center and items for Northport Veterans Hospital.
- Contributing \$4,655 to charities, including: Little Shelter, Dogability and St. Jude's.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships to six students.

Orchard Park Teachers Association

Adam Ziccardi, President

The Orchard Park Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in year-round Town Rec holiday events and Chamber events.
- Contributing more than \$8,000 to youth organizations for sports, music and camps, Booster club and local charities.
- Awarding \$1,000 to one male and one female student continuing studies in education.
- Sponsoring Orchard Park Little League, Soccer League and holiday events.

Penn Yan Education Association

Tina Webber, President

The Penn Yan Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Peasantman Triathlon, phone banking.
- Contributing \$330 to charities, including: hospice, the Humane Society and Penn Yan Public Library.
- Awarding \$5,000 to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring student art shows and awards, Outdoor Adventure Club and Operation Graduation 2017.

Retiree Council 44

Sara Rodland, President

Retiree Council 44 consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Walk, NYSUT 5K Run and Variety Telethon.
- Contributing \$1,500 to Making Strides Walk, Variety Club Telethon and St. Luke's Mission.

Spencerport Teachers Association

John Kozlowski, President

The Spencerport Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Autism Speaks Walk, mitten drive and the Fireman's Carnival. <https://www.gatorbythebay.com/dance-instructors/>
- Contributing \$275 to Real Men Wear Pink Campaign and the ACS Pancreatic Cancer Fundraiser.
- Awarding \$12,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring one boys and one girls little league team, and Robotic Club.

United College Employees of FIT

Roberta Elins, President

The United College Employees of FIT consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the NYC Central Labor Council Labor Day Parade and the PSC-CUNY rally for a Fair Contract.
- Contributing \$15,000 to charities including: Remember the Triangle Factory Fire Coalition and Alliance for Quality Education.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring UCE of FIT Annual Food Drive for NYC Food Pantry.

Westchester/Putnam Retirees

Alma Cormican, Past President

The Westchester/Putnam Retirees consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in REACT School supplies drive, NYSUT phone banks and Breast Cancer Walk.
- Contributing \$1,800 to charities including food banks, American Cancer Society and NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund.
- Awarding \$4,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring pre-retirement workshops for in-service teachers.

West Irondequoit Teachers Association

Scott Steinberg, President

The West Irondequoit Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and Irondequoit Community Cupboard.
- Contributing \$585 to Junior and Senior Class Safe Parties, Golisano Children's Hospital and Dodge for Josh.
- Awarding \$2,500 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Adam Milne Basketball Game, American Cancer Society Denim Day and the Arts Festival.

Local Community Service Award Winners

West Seneca Teachers Association

Joseph Cantafio, President

The West Seneca Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Clothing for the Needy, Variety Kids Telethon and holiday cards for nursing home residents.
- Contributing \$28,000 to charities including: St. Francis High School, Hospice Buffalo and Real Men Wear Pink.
- Awarding \$15,000 in scholarships to elementary, middle and high school graduates.
- Sponsoring West Seneca Students of Excellence, West Seneca Cares for Kids and Variety Kids Telethon.

Williamsville Teachers Association

Michelle Licht, President

The Williamsville Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Walk and the 5K Walk for Public Education.
- Contributing more than \$10,000 to charities, including: Making Strides, the City Mission and Nolan Burch Foundation.
- Awarding \$2,000 scholarships to three graduating seniors going into the field of education.

Yonkers Federation of Teachers

Samantha Rosado-Ciriello, President

The Yonkers Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast Meetings and AFL-CIO Labor Day Picnic.
- Contributing more than \$15,000 to charities, including: Michael J. Fox, Yonkers Fire Fighters, Relay for Life.
- Awarding \$10,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Annual Storybook Bonanza, New Teacher Reception and the YFT Retirement Dinner.

Yorktown Congress of Teachers

Sean Kennedy, President

The Yorktown Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2017 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a food drive for Yorktown's Community Help, the local food pantry.
- Contributing \$2,500 to the Alliance for Safe Kids and \$2,500 to Yorktown's Support Connection.
- Awarding \$7,000 to four high school graduates.
- Sponsoring food drive for local food pantry and Bowling Extravaganza.

