

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

IN-SERVICE

Kathleen Gaghan
Farmingdale Federation
of Teachers

JoEllen Mish
North Babylon Teachers
Organization

RETIREES

Steve Ash
Kenmore Teachers
Association / RC 1

Patricia Dillon
Teachers of
Huntington / RC 23

Joanne Hamilton
Sayville Teachers
Association / RC 23

Mary Jo Rankin
Broome-Delaware Tioga
BOCES TA / RC 11

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Steenburgh**
Retiree Council 12

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 Robert Walsh, President

The Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Brookside Community Cupboard, Toys for Tots, and a breast cancer walk.
- Contributing over \$4,775 to many charities including the American Cancer Society, United Way, and Community Cupboard Pantry.
- Awarding \$5,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors in the district.
- Sponsoring Community Cupboard Holiday Wishlist, American Cancer Society, and US Veterans-Mission United Campaign.

Buffalo Teachers Federation Philip Rumore, President

The Buffalo Teachers Federation consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Variety Club Telethon, Read Across America, and a Thanksgiving food drive.
- Contributing \$50,000 to local charities.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships to the Peter Tycz II Memorial Scholarship Foundation and the University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc.
- Sponsoring virtual graduation ceremonies, Bennett HS football team, and a toy drive.

Farmingdale Federation of Teachers Cordelia Anthony, President

The Farmingdale Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce, Daleview Nursing Home visitations, high school blood drive, and a district art show.
- Contributing \$3,000 to charities, including Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, Farmingdale Fire Department, Rota Care Clinic and St. Killian's food pantry.
- Awarding over \$5,750 in scholarships to students.
- Sponsoring Election Day phone bank and funded members to attend NYSUT conferences.

Jericho Teachers Association Ronald Verderber, President

The Jericho Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Contributing \$100 to Long Island Cares.
- Awarding \$1,350 in scholarships to high school seniors.

Kenmore Teachers Association Peter Stuhlmiller, President

The Kenmore Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a Labor Day parade, breast cancer awareness walk and Educators Totally Committed.
- Contributing \$1,685 to charities including Kenmore West Community Club and Kenmore East Alumni Association.
- Awarding \$1,400 in scholarships to high school seniors.
- Sponsoring KenTon Student Art displays and Kenmore Beacon award.

Lawrence Teachers Association

Rachel Kreiss, President

The Lawrence Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Locks of Love, a Christmas toy drive, prom dress collection and a mitten drive.
- Contributing \$1,000 to charities including Make-a-Wish, ALS walk and Inwood Fire Department.
- Sponsoring the Five Towns Community Center, Five Towns Early Learning Center and the March of Dimes.

Lockport Education Association

Gregory Bronson, President

The Lockport Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the CWA 1133 strike and picket.
- Contributing over \$19,600 to United Way, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, Feed More of WNY and Adopt A Family.
- Awarding \$4,800 to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring gifts for graduating seniors, academic achievement recognition events and memorials.

Mahopac Teachers Association

Thomas McMahon, President

The Mahopac Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in St. John's Food Drive and Toys 4 Tots.
- Contributing \$100 to St. John's Food Pantry.
- Awarding \$8,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

Middle Country Teachers Association

Nadia Resnikoff, President

Middle Country Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Donating baskets and providing volunteers for the district SEPTA fundraising auction.
- Donating to the local food pantry and delivering holiday cards to the local nursing home.
- Contributing up to \$3,000 a year for breast cancer awareness and to charities.
- Awarding \$20,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring an award night honoring over 80 students from pre-K to high school seniors for their achievements.

North Babylon Teachers Organization

Kathryn Dein, President

The North Babylon Teachers Organization consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a breast cancer awareness event.
- Collecting and distributing clothing and gifts for families, and collecting for Save A Pet animal rescue.
- Contributing \$2,300 to charities including: Northport VA Hospital, Babylon Breast Cancer coalition, Little Shelter and ALS.
- Sponsoring Kindness Closets and donating food and clothing to families in need.

North Rockland Teachers Association

Debra Brennan, President

The North Rockland Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Thanksgiving food drive, NRTA holiday gift card drive and food pantry donations.
- Contributing \$2,900 to United Hospice and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
- Awarding \$15,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

North Syracuse Education Association

John Kuryla, President

The North Syracuse Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Book Van Go, and Cicero St. Baldrick's.
- Contributing \$61,532 to St. Baldrick's, Anna's Pantry, and the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$5,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring Book Van Go, St. Baldrick's event, and a holiday food drive.

Penn Yan Education Association

Tina Webber, President

The Penn Yan Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Peasantman Triathlon Stations.
- Contributing \$2,750 to charities, including: The Living Well, Christmas for the Needy, and Operation Graduation.
- Awarding \$5,000 to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring students with awards to attend summer camp and take piano lessons.

Retiree Council 44

Sara Rodland, President

The Retiree Council 44 consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, Labor Day parade, and The Teacher's Desk.
- Contributing \$1,000 to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

Rochester Teachers Association

Adam Urbanski, President

The Rochester Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Awarding \$5,000 in scholarships to high school seniors.
- Sponsoring Rochester Teachers Care video project, holiday gift cards and RTA Books for Kids.

United College Employees of FIT

Roberta Elins, President

The United College Employees of FIT consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.
- Contributing \$6,504 to charities including: Remember the Triangle Factory Fire, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Citi Harvest Food Bank, and The Dwelling Place Women's Shelter.
- Awarding \$1,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring Black History Month event, Women's History Month event, and Now or Never, the fight to pass equal rights amendment.

West Seneca Teachers Association

Joseph Cantafio, President

The West Seneca Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in West Seneca Cares, a Christmas drive, and Real Men Wear Pink breast cancer awareness campaign.
- Contributing \$20,000 to charities including: Mikey's Way Foundation, Hospice Buffalo, and The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
- Awarding \$14,000 in scholarships to elementary, middle, and high school graduates.
- Sponsoring West Seneca Students of Excellence, Feed More WNY Food Drive and AFL-CIO Labor Day parade.

Yonkers Federation of Teachers

Samantha Rosado-Ciriello, President

The Yonkers Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce monthly meetings, a toy drive for needy children, and Yonkers Council of PTSA.
- Contributing over \$1,353 to charities, including: Regional Food Bank, Operation Santa Claus, and Professional Staff Congress.
- Awarding \$23,000 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 2021 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a food drive for Yorktown's Community and collecting \$3,250.
- Contributing \$2,500 to Yorktown Support Connection.
- Awarding \$7,000 to four high school graduates.