

Community Service Award Winners

IN-SERVICE

Dan Revera

Commack Teachers Association

William Scaduto

Commack Teachers Association

Lee Tunick

Commack Teachers Association

Jesseca Kulesa

Hauppauge Teachers Association

Sue Straub

North Syracuse Education Association

Candace Lider

Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES
Teachers Association

RETIREES

Juanita Abramson-Alleyne

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Kenneth Achiron

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Michele Belloli

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Edmund Brogenski

Candor Faculty Association/RC 11

Lenora Cordell

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Mary Dambro-Klekosky

United Liverpool Faculty Association/
RC 7

Carol Economos

Sayville Teachers Association/RC 21

Teddy Emanuel

United Teachers of Northport/RC 23

John Garvey

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Mary Garvey

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Gale Lichter

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Donald Nobles

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Henry Nunez

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Paula Ptaszek

Chatham Central School Teachers
Association/RC 13

Charlotte Ross

Retiree Council 44

Gloria Solla

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Helayne Weissman

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Jerry Weissman

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24

Donna Woo

United Federation of Teachers/RC 24



NYSUT Life Line Honor Roll

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

Julie Cobb

Carthage School-Related
Personnel

*Julie performed the Heimlich
maneuver to save a child
from choking during lunch.*

Nancy Mushtare

Carthage School-Related
Personnel

*Helped support Julie Cobb
with the choking child.*

Shelly Payne

Panama Faculty Association

*Shelly performed the
Heimlich maneuver to save
a faculty member from
choking during lunch.*

Richard Ravo

Lawrence Teachers
Association

*Richard used an AED and
performed CPR on a referee
who was having a heart
attack.*

Monica Rendina

Clarkstown Teachers
Association

*Monica organized a com-
munity project to educate
the students and community
on prescription drug and
opioid addiction.*

Lori Skronberg

Lawrence Teachers
Association

*Lori performed the Heimlich
maneuver to save a fellow*

*union sister from choking
during the 2018
Representative Assembly.*

Annette Stein

North Syracuse Education
Association

*Annette performed the
Heimlich maneuver to save
a child from choking during
lunch.*

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 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in both a kindergarten welcome party and a local fire department Relay for Life.
- Contributing to charities including Tri CYA, Helping Hands Rescue, and Junior Welfare League.
- Awarding \$5,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors with five separate awards honoring former teachers.

Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association

Michael Krieger, President

The Bay Shore Classroom Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Bay Shore St. Patrick's Day Parade, Brightwaters Community Summit and a Christmas tree lighting.
- Contributing \$1,500 to charities including the American Cancer Society, Pulmonary Hypertension Association, William's Warriors Childhood Brain Cancer Research, and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- Awarding \$8,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring Bay Shore-Brightwaters youth football, high school IB students (study abroad), and the high school drama club.

Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers

Mark Steinberg, President

The Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in both the Bellmore and Merrick street fairs, Toys for Tots, and the Breast Cancer Walk.
- Contributing over \$8,754 to many charities including the American Cancer Society, United Way and the Eileen Davidson Fund.
- Awarding \$6,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors in the district.
- Sponsoring Robbie's Run for children with diseases and programs for homeless families.

Brocton Teachers Association

Marianne Fabiano and Rachel Offenbach-Smith, President

The Brocton Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Brocton "Truck or Treat" at Halloween, and donating Christmas gifts to students in need.
- Contributing \$300 to NYSUT's Disaster Relief Fund, and the American Cancer Society's daffodil fund raiser.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to three students.
- Sponsoring the community fall festival and holiday food drives.

Buffalo Teachers Federation

Philip Rumore, President

The Buffalo Teachers Federation consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Variety Club Telethon, Read Across America, and a Thanksgiving food drive.
- Contributing \$43,000 to local charities.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships to the Peter P. Tycz, II Memorial Scholarship Foundation and University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc.

Carthage Teachers Association

Patricia Sheehan, President

The Carthage Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in donating holiday cards and poinsettias for senior citizens and giving cookies to Fort Drum soldiers.
- Contributing \$5,000 to the districts Back Pack Program and \$5,000 to VOTE-COPE.
- Awarding \$2,200 to five graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring the CTA School Supply Closet and the annual Memorial Day flag display to honor military heroes.

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Commack Teachers Association

John Murray, President

The Commack Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the 2018 Relay for Life and the Jones Beach Cancer Walk.
- Contributing \$82,000 to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and a Brain Cancer Fundraiser to name a few.
- Awarding \$2,000 in scholarships to two Commack High School students.
- Sponsoring St. Baldrick's Locks of Love Campaign and the Commack TA 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 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the firehouse breakfasts honoring their service, the Wash Kit project and Connetquot Foundation for the Advancement of Children gala.
- Contributing over \$5,000 to various charities, including: Puerto Rico Books and the Birthday in a Box collection.
- Awarding \$6,000 in scholarships to high school graduates.
- Sponsoring Sunrise Little League and the Connetquot Youth Association.

East Irondequoit Teachers Association

Kim Messmer and Tim Scheg, President

The East Irondequoit Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Chase Corporate Challenge and the Special Olympics Torch Run.
- Contributing \$7,200 to various charities including Irondequoit Community Cupboard, Honor Flight of Rochester and the DiSalvo Family.
- Awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring BOE dunk tank at the 2018 homecoming, Corporate Challenge team, district-wide art show and Eastridge High School spring play.

Farmingdale Federation of Teachers

Anthony Cordelia, President

The Farmingdale Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Farmingdale Community Summit, the district art show, and the PTA installation dinner.

- Contributing \$8,000 to charities, including Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, the Farmingdale Fire Department and the Rotacare Clinic.
- Awarding over \$5,000 in scholarships to students.
- Sponsoring the Election Day phone bank, activated mini-van app, and mobile billboard opt-out van.

Hicksville Congress of Teachers

Stephanie Sullo, President

The Hicksville Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Hicksville Annual Homecoming Fair, Read across America Reading Incentive and Talent for Troops Fundraiser.
- Contributing \$1,220 to charities including the American Cancer Society and the Wounded Warrior Project.
- Awarding \$6,000 in scholarships to graduating Hicksville seniors.
- Sponsoring kindergarten welcome packets and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America sports program.

Hyde Park Teachers Association

Mary Beth Scattergood, President

The Hyde Park Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the local Memorial Day and 4th of July parades, holding an annual blood drive, and the Susan DeKeukelaere Memorial coat drive.
- Contributing \$5,500 to run annual golf outings, contributing to the Hyde Park Library, Staatsburg Free Library and the Clinton Community Library.
- Awarding \$6,000 in scholarships to high school seniors.
- Sponsoring the Hyde Park Soccer League, Hyde Park Little League, and the Dutchess County Veterans Memorial Highway.

Kenmore Teachers Association

Peter Stuhlmiller, President

The Kenmore Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Area Labor Federation picnic, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, and Kenmore High School's holiday community events.
- Contributing \$2,000 to charities including the Kenmore West musical and the Kenmore East baseball booster club.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to high school seniors.
- Sponsoring the Kenmore Teachers Association team for the breast cancer awareness walk and cookout for Kenmore TA membership.

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Lancaster Central Teachers Association

Don Kirsch, President

The Lancaster Central Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in St. Luke's Mission of Mercy Holiday Food Packing, Village of Lancaster spring clean-up and planting, and Lancaster Elks Lodge Veterans Day Dinner.
- Contributing \$10,000 to Lancaster-Depew Boys and Girls Club, Lancaster Drug Prevention Coalition, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, and the Lancaster YMCA.

Lawrence Teachers Association

Lori Skonberg, President

The Lawrence Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

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

Levittown United Teachers

John Caulfield, President

The Levittown United Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in organizing and facilitating a free book fair in conjunction with NYSUT and First Book.
- Contributing \$5,300 to charities including Breast Cancer Research and Adopt-a-Family.
- Awarding \$4,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring high school cheerleading teams and community football.

Lockport Education Association

Gregory Bronson, President

The Lockport Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the United Way Day of Caring, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, and Lockport's annual canal-side clean-up.
- Contributing over \$23,000 to United Way, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, and NYSUT Puerto Rico Fund.
- Awarding \$4,800 to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring athletic and fundraising events and achievement recognition events.

Mahopac Teachers Association

Thomas McMahon, President

The Mahopac Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Relay for Life, Community Cares, Little Black Dress and the Columbus Day Parade
- Contributing \$6,000 to Community Cares, American Cancer Society and Boys Against Cancer.
- Awarding \$5,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors, 8th graders and 5th graders.
- Sponsoring Tip-a-Teacher, Annual Charity Game Show and Holiday Craft Fair.

Malverne Teachers Association

Michelle Thomson, President

The Malverne Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Relay for Life, 5K Run/Walk for Education, and the Malverne Breast Cancer Walk.
- Contributing \$500 to the American Breast Cancer Society, Backpacks for Education and Sponsor a Student.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to Malverne Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and the Friends of Education Award.

Massapequa Federation of Teachers

Tomia Smith, President

The Massapequa Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and Sustainable Food Drive for the local food pantry.
- Contributing over \$3,500 to the Massapequa Music Department and Child Mind Institute, and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.
- Awarding \$2,500 to the Massapequa Retiree Chapter and the Massapequa Federation of Teachers.
- Sponsoring a Breast Cancer volleyball game, Lockhart Elementary fundraiser for Make-A-Wish, and Massapequa Hall of Fame golf outing.

Middle Country Teachers Association

Nadia Resnikoff, President

Middle Country Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in making Veterans Day cards for local veterans, donating to the local food pantry, and delivering holiday cards to the local nursing home.

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- Contributing up to \$5,000 a year for Breast Cancer, Relay for Life and other charities.
- Awarding \$20,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring an award night honoring over 50 students from pre-K to high school seniors for their achievements.

Mineola Teachers Association

Teresa Perrotta-Hafner, President

The Mineola Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, Education Week, and PTA Regatta.
- Contributing \$11,500 to charities including Thanksgiving meals and baskets and the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund.
- Awarding \$17,550 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring the Honors Buffet and the New Teacher Orientation Program.

Mohawk Valley Community College Professional Association

Norma Chrisman, President

The Mohawk Valley Community College Professional Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in The Greatest Heart Walk and Run, United Way Day, and the Utica Zoo Spooktacular.
- Contributing \$1,600 to Food Allergy Research and Education Walk, United Way Day, and MVCC Foundation.
- Awarding \$1,000 scholarship to a MVCC student.
- Sponsoring a United Way Utica College Hockey Night, United Way Kids Cooking Challenge and the MVCC Foundation Ted Moore Run.

Niagara Falls Teachers

Marcus Latham, President

The Niagara Falls Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in United Way Day of Caring, the Memorial Day Parade and Soapbox Derby.
- Contributing \$5,000 to the Firefighters Toy Fund, Rainbow Animal Shelter and Community Mission.
- Awarding \$10,000 to high school seniors.
- Sponsoring Cayuga Youth Athletic Association, Hyde Park Babe Ruth, and the Whirlpool Little League.

North Babylon Teachers Organization

Kathryn Dein, President

The North Babylon Teachers Organization consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in collecting items for Deer Park Life Center, Northport Veterans Hospital and donations to the local food pantries.
- Contributing \$3,165 to charities, including Little Shelter, Dogability and the ALS Ride for Life.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships to six students.
- Sponsoring the Jennifer Ferer Memorial Scholarship Fund.

North Rockland Teachers Association

Debra Brennan, President

The North Rockland Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Thanksgiving food drive, North Rockland TA holiday gift card drive, and Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk.
- Contributing \$2,350 to People to People Billiards Bonanza and RCTA/NRTA Bowling.
- 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 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Relay for Life, North Syracuse Community Festival and Chamber of Commerce events.
- Contributing \$51,000 to St. Baldrick's and North Syracuse Relay for Life.
- Awarding \$4,200 in scholarships to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring Book Van Go, St. Baldrick's event, and an ARC blood drive.

Pembroke Teachers Federation

Greg Kinal, President

The Pembroke Teachers Federation consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in collecting money and cooking dinner for families at the Ronald McDonald House of Buffalo, and collecting food and clothing for the Buffalo City Mission.
- Contributing \$9,963 to Sisters Hospital NICU and Roswell Park, ACES Foundation and John Oishei Childrens Hospital of Buffalo.
- Awarding \$600 in scholarships to the PTF Scholarship Fund and the Rachel Kenyon Scholarship Fund.
- Sponsoring local families in need, student of the month program, and a Making Strides Basket at the WNY Summer Leadership Conference.

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Penn Yan Education Association

Tina Webber, President

The Penn Yan Education Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Peasantman Triathlon and phone banking.
- Contributing \$370 to charities, including hospice, the Humane Society, and the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$5,000 to graduating seniors.
- Sponsoring student art shows and awards, the Outdoor Adventure Club and Operation Graduation 2018.

Retiree Council 44

Sara Rodland, President

The Retiree Council 44 consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and the Labor Day parade.
- Contributing \$1,410 to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.
- Awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to active teachers to support classroom programs.

Rochester Teachers Association

Adam Urbanski, President

The Rochester Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and the Rochester Teachers Challenge 5K race.
- Contributing \$1,500 to United Way and AFT's Disaster Relief Fund-Agua for Puerto Rico.
- Awarding \$6,000 in scholarships to high school seniors.
- Sponsoring the Rochester Teachers Care video project, holiday gift baskets and Rochester TA Books for Kids.

The Rush-Henrietta Employees Association

Sheila Sullivan-Buck, President

The Rush-Henrietta EA consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a district wide Kicking Hunger event to help students with food over the summer.
- Contributing \$500 to Anna's Wish and NYSUT's Disaster Relief Fund.
- Awarding \$3,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Rush-Henrietta Athletic Association Youth Baseball team.

Saratoga Adirondack BOCES EA

Ruth Shippee, President

The Saratoga Adirondack BOCES EA consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of the Adirondacks and the Franklin Center food drive.
- Awarding \$4,500 in scholarships to career and technical education.
- Sponsoring baskets for needy families and supplies for Open Door Soup Kitchen.

Spencerport Teachers Association

John Kozlowski, President

The Spencerport Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Autism Speaks Walk, the Fireman's Carnival and the coat, hat and mitten drive.
- Contributing \$175 to Bivona Child Advocacy Center.
- Awarding \$12,000 in scholarships to high school seniors.
- Sponsoring one boys and one girls little league team and Robotic Club.

Syosset Teachers Association

Kim Pritchard, President

The Syosset Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.
- Contributing \$5,000 to Sunrise Day Camp.
- Sponsoring Toys for Tots toy drive and food donations to Island Harvest.

United College Employees of FIT

Roberta Elins, President

The United College Employees of FIT consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the NYC Central Labor Council Labor Day Parade and the NYC AIDS Walk.
- Contributing \$9,751 to charities including Remember the Triangle Factory Fire, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, and the Alliance for Quality Education.
- Awarding \$2,500 in scholarships to two students.
- Sponsoring Cuisines of the Cultures Event and Constitution Day postcards.

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West Hempstead Education Association

Barbara Hafner, President

The West Hempstead EA consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the homecoming parade, Breast Cancer Walk, Thanksgiving food drive, and Holiday Toys for Tots.
- Contributing \$301 to the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$3,850 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

Westchester/Putnam Retirees

Veronica O'Connor, President

The Westchester/Putnam Retirees consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in helping the local school district with school supplies and running phone banks.
- Contributing \$2,937 to the Westchester food bank and the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$6,000 in scholarships to three school districts.
- Sponsoring raffles at RC 15/16 luncheons, raising money for the food bank and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

West Irondequoit Teachers Association

Scott Steinberg, President

The West Irondequoit Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and West Irondequoit Foundation Cornhole Tournament.
- Contributing \$1,225 to Junior/Senior Class Safe Parties, The Josh Rojas Foundation and the American Cancer Society.
- Awarding \$2,500 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Adam Milne Basketball Game and the Junior/Senior Class Safe Parties.

West Seneca Teachers Association

Joseph Cantafio, President

The West Seneca Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in Clothing for the Needy, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, and Adopt-a-Family Program.
- Contributing \$40,000 to charities including the Humane Society, Hospice Buffalo and Real Men Wear Pink.
- Awarding \$10,000 in scholarships to elementary, middle and high school graduates.
- Sponsoring West Seneca Students of Excellence, West Seneca Police Benevolent Association and AFL-CIO Labor Day Parade.

Western Suffolk BOCES Faculty Association

Ernest Lewis, President

The Western Suffolk BOCES FA consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in an anti-violence walk, ALS Walk, and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.
- Contributing \$2,100 to Hospice Cares and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- Awarding \$3,949 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring a Long Island blood drive and Teachers Retirement System and Education Retirement System workshops.

Yonkers Federation of Teachers

Samantha Rosado-Ciriello, President

The Yonkers Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in the Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast meetings and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
- Contributing over \$16,746 to charities, including the AFT Disaster Relief Fund, and St. Judes Children's Research Hospital.
- Awarding \$10,000 in scholarships.
- Sponsoring the Annual Storybook Bonanza, New Teacher Reception and the Yonkers Federation of Teachers Retirement Dinner.

Yorktown Congress of Teachers

Sean Kennedy, President

The Yorktown Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in community service. In 2018 they demonstrated this by:

- Participating in a food drive for Yorktown's Community Help.
- 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 a food drive for the local food pantry and a bowling extravaganza fund raiser.