



### 2024 HALL OF HONOR HONOREES

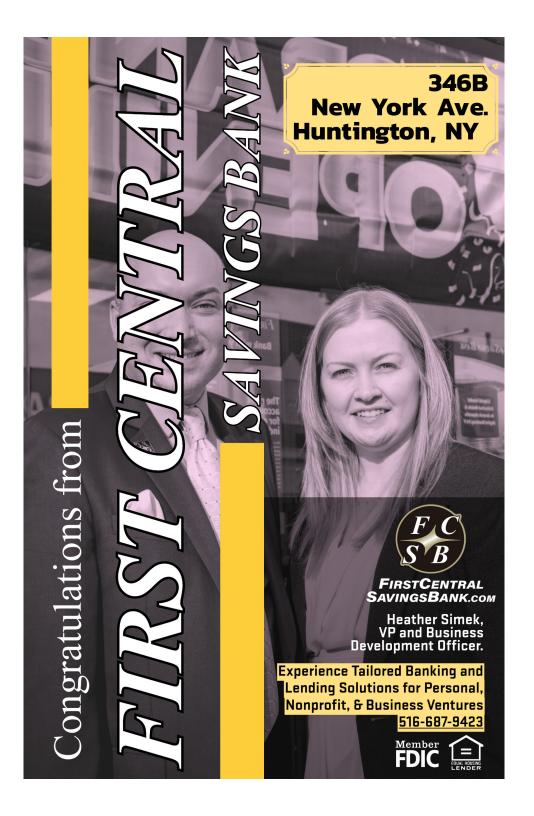
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### Message from the Director

Welcome to Tri Community and Youth Agency's 2024 Hall of Honor. Tri CYA operates three youth and community centers. The centers are located at 809 New Yok Ave, Walt Whitman High School (room 401) and Stimson Middle School in The Loft. During 2023 Tri CYA served 4,744 youth and community members. Of these numbers 2,889 were youth and 1,565 were adults.

I am grateful for the youth and families who came to the centers for programs, support, information and supplies. I am grateful for the dedication of the staff, board of directors, volunteers, donors and student interns.

Tri CYA plans and implements large scale programs such as Emergency food pantry, Community Dinners, backpack and school supply giveaway, Project T.O.Y., Unity Day, National Night Out, Anti- Bias Concert, Youth Entrepreneurial Bazaar which will be held for the third year at our 809 New York Ave center this year. The date will be announced soon on Instagram and Facebook.

The Tri CYA is open six days a week, in addition to 3 evenings a week yearround. Youth attend such programs as: Drop In, Homework Help, Cooking, Girls Groups, three different mentorship groups and programs for boys, soccer, boxing, swimming, basketball, open recreation, Natural Helpers, Black History Month, Hispanic History Month, Health and Wellness, youth financial literacy, singing ,photography group, podcasting program, D.J. program, mural creation, peer mediation, community service opportunities, Historically Black college trip, Historically Black college fair, career and college workshops and visits, health and nutrition workshops, reading program. The centers at Walt Whitman High School and Stimson middle school are open 5 days a week. The Community and School Together program (C.A. S. T.) in partnership with the Huntington Youth Bureau serves close to 100 at risk youth and families. These youth and families are provided with intensive case management, home visits, school visits, and an array of services needed to build an affinity to school and community. The Tri CYA also runs an extensive summer calendar filled with over 30 free field trips and a centerbased program open six days and several evenings a week. Summer field trips include trips to the Dix Hills Pool, Robert Moses Beach, Jones Beach Adventure Park, Splish Splash, Adventureland, New York City, The Highline, Museum of Natural History, Brooklyn Museum and Botanical Gardens, Times Square, Central Park, Statue of Liberty, and more educational, recreational and cultural places of interest. Center based programs include summer reading, arts and crafts, cooking, drop in, drama, visits from the public library and gardening. Tri CYA serves as a site for summer youth employment, and student interns.

Join us tonight in honoring: Jenny Martinez, Michael Pastore, Vita Scaturro, and Pastor Bernadette Watkins for their unselfish commitment to the youth and families of Huntington, South Huntington and Cold Spring Harbor.

Tri CYA serves as a youth center and a community living room. Drop in to visit us anytime and see the center in action. Thank you for being here tonight helping us to do this most important work.



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### Scholarship

Joseph A. Martone served on Tri Community and Youth Agency Board of Directors since the early 1980's until his death in 2004. Joe was a dedicated volunteer who assumed many roles on the Board of Directors over the years. Joe was Vice President, President, Treasurer and chair of the Fundraising Committee. It was through Joe's diligent efforts that the Hall of Honor was started. Joe was an integral part of Tri CYA, stopping by a few times a week to help in any way that was needed. From running to the bank, delivering food, diapers and supplies to families in need, speaking with businesses for donations. Joe was always looking to help. In the 1990's, The Huntington Youth Bureau honored Joe as Volunteer of the Year.

The Joseph A. Martone Scholarship is funded by Joe's former student, David S. Pottruck and is administered through the Tri Community and Youth Agency. This is an annual award to honor three students (one from each community Tri CYA serves) who combine the values and ideals that Joe stood for: hard work, commitment to school work, athletics, team work and an unselfish dedication to a community cause.

We plan to keep his scholarship growing with future donations from the public.

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KRISTIN THORNE
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Kristin Thorne is an investigative reporter for WABC-TV Eyewitness News. She was promoted to the 7 On Your Side Investigates team in January 2022 after serving 10 years as the station's Long Island Correspondent.

She is the creator, writer, and producer of WABC's true crime series "Missing," in which she investigates the disappearances of people from the New York City area. The episodes are available at www.ABC7NY.com/missing.

Before joining the Eyewitness News team in January 2012, Kristin was a reporter at News 12 Westchester. Before that, she worked at WHTM-TV ABC 27 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Kristin graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University in Washington, DC and earned her master's degree in broadcast journalism from the prestigious Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. She is an adjunct professor at Hofstra University teaching journalism in the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication.

She is the recipient of an Emmy Award and has received numerous Emmy nominations. She has also been honored with two regional Edward R. Murrow Awards and has received several Folio awards, which honor the best of Long Island journalism. She was honored with the "Excellence in Newscasting Award" at the 2021 Long Island International Film Expo.

Kristin competes in triathlons and is training for an Ironman. She enjoys reading, studying Spanish and traveling around the U.S and Europe. She loves exploring new places and has rarely visited the same place twice.



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Honoree

PASTOR BERNADETTE
WATKINS

Bernadette R. Watkins is a remarkable woman born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She attended Farmingdale College and studied nursing. But she also desired to serve spiritually, so Bernadette pursued further education at the Bethel Bible Institute and the Johnson School of Divinity. This dual commitment to both the physical and spiritual aspects of well-being reflected her holistic approach to life.

Bernadette served as a nurse in numerous nursing homes in Suffolk County where her expertise would benefit many. Through her years of service, she became a pillar of support and healing within the community.

In 1970, Bernadette became a member of Mount Calvary Holy Church. Her compassionate outreach showcased her unwavering dedication to providing comfort during challenging times. Beyond her spiritual endeavors, Bernadette actively engaged with the community -- particularly the youth. Peace rallies on New York Avenue, hosting hat/gloves giveaways during cold seasons, are examples of her help for the underserved.

One of Bernadette's most impactful contributions was the establishment of a summer camp on East Fourth Street to provide a nurturing environment for the youth to learn, grow, and build lasting connections. She also recognized the unique challenges faced by mothers in the community, leading her to initiate the Hurting Mother's Group, a support network to offer empathy and understanding to these vulnerable women.

Bernadette's commitment to education and cultural appreciation was manifested in her creation of an African American History display. This unique exhibit was displayed in schools, Huntington Senior Center and the TriCYA. When Bernadette established a collaboration with the Jack and Jill Foundation, the display became a traveling exhibit and featured at many events to provide information and understanding.

In recognition of her strong commitment to faith and community, Bernadette was recently appointed as pastor for Christian Charity Deliverance Church. She also assumed the role of Pastor of Huntington Outreach Ministries. A testament to her expansive heart and boundless love, Bernadette is not only the biological mother of four children but has also adopted ten children into her home. She has fostered many others. Bernadette R. Watkins' life journey is an awe-inspiring narrative of service, love, and unwavering commitment to improving the local community.













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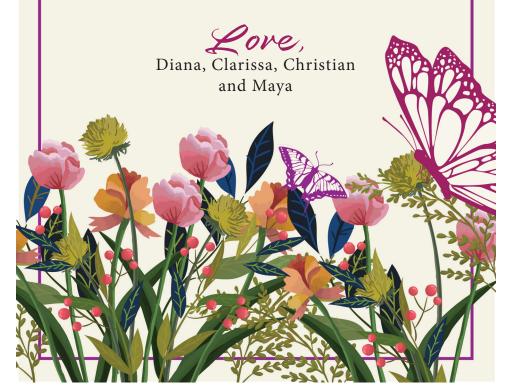
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Honoree
JENNY MARTINEZ

Jenny Martinez stands as a beacon of inspiration within the TRI Community Youth Agency being honored for her remarkable dedication and service. In her early years, Jenny's spirit shined brightly. Volunteering for ongoing programs and offering invaluable input, she became an integral part of TRI CYA's fabric. Passionate for uplifting others manifested in the organizing TRI CYA'S first Latina teen dance event, a testament to her vision for inclusivity and empowerment.

Jenny's journey towards leadership within TRI CYA was marked by milestones that mirrored her unwavering dedication. From attending a Babysitting Workshop offered at the TRI CYA to securing her first job through Project Excel, she epitomized the agency's vision of skill-building and creating opportunities. Starting as a youth board member while still in high school, underscored her commitment to shaping the agency's future.

Education became another avenue for Jenny to empower herself and others. Graduating from Long Island University C.W. Post Campus with a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice, she has embarked on a journey to become a Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC), driven by a passion to better support those in need.

Beyond professional pursuits, Jenny remains deeply rooted in her family and community. As a proud mother, sister, daughter, friend and aunt, she carries forward the values instilled by her upbringing by her mother in a single-parent household. Her efforts within TRI CYA, from fundraising to program development, reflect her unwavering commitment to nurturing the next generation.

Jenny's impact transcends TRI CYA, extending to her involvement in organizations such as Women's Diversity Network and the Parent Leadership Initiative. Through unity and collective action, she strives to create positive change and empower marginalized voices, embodying the spirit of service and advocacy.

At the heart of Jenny's journey lies a profound belief in the transformative power of community. As a product of TRI CYA's mission herself, she serves as a guiding light for the community, especially the youth, ensuring that every person has the opportunity to realize and reach their full potential. In Jenny the community finds not only a dedicated leader but a living testament to the agency's enduring impact on a person's life and for generations to come.



Honoree MICHAEL PASTORE

Michael is a lifelong resident of Huntington Station, where he resides along with his wife Michael. He is a third-generation graduate of Walt Whitman High School class of 1984. Michael and Michael are the proud parents of two children, Ashley (her husband Michael Ruconich) and Vincent.

Michael grew up admiring his parents and the family values they instilled in him and his brother, Domenick. This helped him appreciate the family-oriented community of Huntington Station. Michael first became acquainted with the community, at the young age of 12, when he held his first job, at his uncle's store "Community Food Market" on Depot Road. Working at the food market lasted for over eighteen years and is where Michael formed close-knit bonds with many residents of the town. That job started it all, and will always have a special place in his heart.

Upon graduating from Walt Whitman High School, Michael began working at the Town of Huntington in 1986 and had the pleasure of working there until his retirement in 2022. Inspired by the principle of giving back, he embarked on his volunteer journey, 38 years ago as a volunteer firefighter of the Huntington Manor Fire Department. Here he achieved the rank of Chief of the Department in 2002 and he is currently serving on the Huntington Manor Board of Fire Commissioners.

Over the years, Michael has participated in and assisted with, some very successful charities, such as the Cops vs. Fireman Softball Game. The game is played annually and has raised thousands of dollars, for local charities in the Town of Huntington. Participating in the game, over the last thirty-five years, has been an honor and a privilege for him. Michael's passion for helping the youth of the community includes working the summer camp at Walt Whitman High School, each year. He is a strong advocate for community engagement.

This passion for making a difference and his unwavering dedication have earned him the admiration and respect of his peers. Michael has consistently gone above and beyond to make a meaningful impact.

Michael continues to inspire others to join him in his mission to create a more just, compassionate, and inclusive society through volunteer service.

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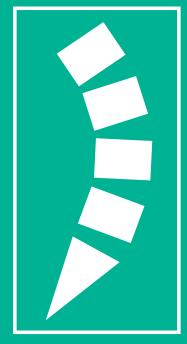
Honoree VITA SCATURRO

Ms. Scaturro is a Financial Industry Banker with 45 years of proven contributions to the area of new business development, sales management and staff development. She is a result-oriented and motivational leader with a special talent for building cooperative and proactive work environments that foster achievement of corporate goals. Her areas of strength include relationship management, new business development, team leadership and sales and revenue growth. During her banking career at JP Morgan Chase, she held various positions including Branch Manager, Senior Relationship Business Manager and completed the JPMorgan Chase's Credit Analyst Program with high honors. Vita also served as Vice President-Senior Business Banker at Capital One.

Vita is highly regarded in the banking industry for her accomplishments and contacts and continues to maintain a high regard for her clients. Vita consistently works hard to achieve and exceed her goals and her clients respect her for her service and knowledge. She is held in high esteem in the community because she cares and wants to get the job done right for all.

Vita is and continues to be active in her community serving many foundations. She is dedicated to supporting community organizations, helping them fulfill their missions by providing guidance, advocacy and training. Vita is a selfless leader who willingly offers her many years of corporate experience to support the community and often recommends changes that will enhance and improve the structure of the organization. Ms. Scaturro dedicates and spends most of her free time volunteering with several not-for-profit organizations in the Town of Huntington.

Vita has served the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce on the Executive Board as Chairwoman for the past 3 years. Prior to that, she also served on the Board Director and as Treasurer. Vita has also filled a number of community roles: past Treasurer for the Townwide Fund of Huntington, Inc and a member of the Chair Grant Committee; Vice President for The Moonjumpers Charitable Foundation Inc.; President for The Leadership of Huntington Foundation; Vice President for the Lt. Joseph Petrosino Association Inc. and a Board Member of Lt Joseph Petrosino Association, Sicilia Italy. Since 2021, Vita serves on the Suffolk County-Downtown Revitalization Citizens Advisory Panel Representing Legislator Stephanie Bontempi. She also served in NYS and The Town of Huntington Downtown Revitalization 2023 on the Huntington Station Local Planning Committee. Currently she also served on the Economic Development Corp for Huntington as a board member.



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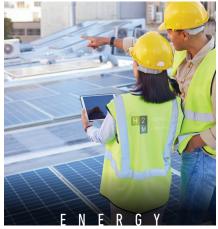
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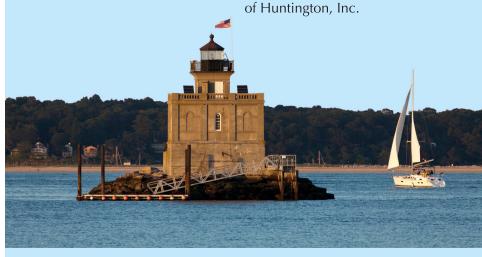
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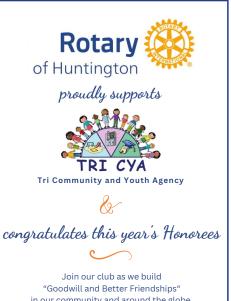




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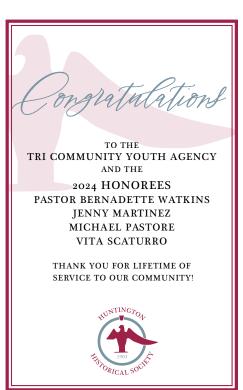
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