



# Let's Celebrate!

**ANNIVERSARY**

NEW YORK STATEWIDE  
SENIOR ACTION COUNCIL

1972—2012

*“Old age is honored only on condition that it defends itself, maintains its rights,  
is subservient to no one, and to the last breath rules over its own domain.”*

- Cicero

# JAMES COLLINS, BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

It is both a pleasure and an honor to join with you tonight as New York StateWide Senior Action Council celebrates 40 years of working and advocating for older New Yorkers.

StateWide is a statewide grassroots organization of New Yorkers with a proven track record of effective advocacy at the local, state and national levels for the interests and needs of older persons, particularly those of lower-income and minority seniors. Those interests and needs are captured in three simple words: “dignity, well-being, security.”

All our educational programs, service initiatives and advocacy efforts the past forty years have been directed to promoting the dignity, well-being, or security of older New Yorkers.

We credit our successes in part to the good will and respect we enjoy with our state legislators and the state Office for the Aging, but also know our successes are not the result solely of our own efforts but have required our partnering with other advocacy organizations and service providers at both the state and national levels. Tonight we honor six individuals from other organizations who have fought alongside us to improve the lives of older New Yorkers: Charlie Battaglia, Erie County Office for the Aging; Mae Carpenter, Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services; Marcus Harazin, NYS Office for the Aging; U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey, 22nd Congressional District; Alan Lubin, Business and Labor Council of New York; Dr. Paul J. Reiss, Mercy Care of the Adirondacks; and Lourdes Rodriguez-Dox, Local 1199-SEIU/UHE Retirees Association.

Looking forward, we embarked this year on a three year Strategic Plan to make StateWide a stronger, more visible, more accessible, more effective advocate for older persons. Delegates to this Convention have just approved a significant revision of our Bylaws that moves the organization closer to the grassroots by organizing Chapters at the County level instead of six “regional” Chapters. The next two years should bring significant improvement in our state advocacy efforts and our public educational activities.

I call on you, dear friends, to continue working with StateWide as we fight for the dignity, well-being and security of all older New Yorkers!

# MARIA ALVAREZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

As StateWide approaches its 40<sup>th</sup> year of advocating for the rights and improvement of the quality of life of seniors and families in New York State, I reflect on the leadership that built and grew our organization to be able to meet the challenges faced by seniors in New York State.

Learning about the wisdom of our founders, under the leadership of the first Executive Director, Robert O'Donnell, and his work to craft by-laws for a fledgling organization, and later, under the stewardship of his successors, among them Bonnie Ray and Michael Burgess, is truly humbling.

I am proud to report that this year our board has finalized bylaws changes to ensure that StateWide thrives and is able to meet the challenges that lie ahead. I would also like to congratulate the Bylaws Committee, especially its Chair, Lani Sanjek, President of our New York City Chapter, and former Interim Director of StateWide, for assuming this daunting task and ensuring a fair and equitable process.

Many significant advocacy accomplishments in the last 40 years have helped pull seniors out of poverty ranging from a restriction on physicians who balance billed Medicare patients, to the creation of the EISEP program, and coverage for prescription drugs through the EPIC program. StateWide has been the active and articulate voice of seniors throughout the state, informing the community about local problems, educating their peers and persuading legislators to address the concerns of older New Yorkers.

We continue to lead the important discussions on senior health and economic policy issues and have worked to re-define the standard of poverty identifying, county by county, those households at risk of living on the edge. In turn, that work, combined with our income security strategies and Medicare and patient rights counseling, have placed StateWide as a leading and trusted voice on senior issues and has helped in our efforts to attain services that allow seniors a dignified and quality life as active members of their communities.

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala honors our past and celebrates our commitment to continue to Pay it Forward for generations of seniors to come. I am proud to serve as Executive Director of this organization with its history and accomplishments. Thank you for sharing this event with us and for your support that will sustain us.

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# EVENING PROGRAM



## **Honorees:**

Charles Battaglia

Mae Carpenter

Marcus Harazin

Maurice Hinchey

Alan Lubin

Paul Reiss, PhD

Lourdes

Rodriguez-Dox

## **Awards:**

Rose Kryzak Award

Robert E.

O'Donnell

Memorial Award

Paul E. Harenberg

Award

**Cocktail Reception**

**Welcome**

**Dinner is served**

**Mistress of Ceremonies**

Benita Zahn, TV News Co-anchor



**Honoree Introductions**

**Awards**

**Closing Remarks**

**Dancing & Entertainment**

*Storyville Jazz Quartet*

# STATEWIDE STORY

*"I am one of three million senior citizens over 60 in New York State. Alone I can do nothing. With your help there is nothing we can't do." — Carl Eberhart (StateWide's 2nd President, 1974)*

New York StateWide Senior Action Council was founded through the Federal Government's War on Poverty Initiative. These funds were made available in order to combat perceptible inequalities across the country, which were directly attributable to the lack of resources in many communities. Older Americans, living on fixed incomes, and just beginning to benefit from programs such as Medicare, were seen as being at risk.

True to the brand of fighting spirit that one can only find in New York, seniors organized across the state and went on to form New York StateWide Senior Action Council in 1972.

Under our first director, Robert O'Connell, StateWide was – and still is – the **only grass-roots senior advocacy program** that brings seniors together across our state for self empowerment and to improve the quality of life for older New Yorkers and their families.

Over the years, there have been great battles and campaigns – some won (EPIC, Patients Bill of Rights), some lost (Medicare Modernization

Act of 2006), and some that have yet to be resolved (Universal Healthcare). But one thing that remains a constant is our membership's commitment to our mission and organization.

Today, more than ever, StateWide is needed. According to the US Census Bureau, New York State's senior citizens poverty rate stands at 13.8%. However, through our NYS Elder Economic Security Index we know that in the face of increasing healthcare, prescription drugs, housing, and food costs, many more older New Yorkers fail to make ends meet on their monthly incomes alone.

Seniors are living longer, baby boomers are aging in, and New York State is graying...now more than ever we need to ensure that the StateWide movement not only continues, but is strengthened. We will be conducting a campaign for future generations...A campaign that will ensure that future generations of New York State seniors continue to enjoy the fruits of the hard work that began with our membership 40 years ago.



# TIMELINE

1972

StateWide forms at a meeting in Glens Falls of senior leaders from around the state, offices established in New York City, Syracuse and Rochester.

Robert O'Donnell is first Executive Director



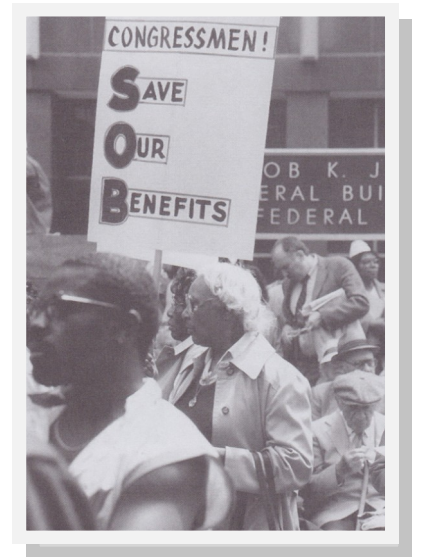
1979

StateWide plays a role in the passage of the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) program which provides the core state funding for area agencies on aging programs; Board President Rev. Howard Hills leads an effort to push for state funding to assist with utility bills. This legislation passed in a special session of the state Legislature and then was vetoed by Governor Hugh Carey. In the only unanimous override of a veto in state history the funding is approved.



1981

StateWide members are among those attending White House Conference on Aging; Rose Kryzak takes bullhorn to the floor to try to be heard.



1982

StateWide moves its main offices to Albany and the organization became more directly involved in legislative issues.

1984

StateWide works with a coalition that succeeded in getting legislation passed banning mandatory retirement; StateWide joins lawsuit against the state for diverting home heating funds to other purposes.

1986

StateWide plays a major role in finally getting the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program (EPIC) passed after several rallies including one led by President Rose Kryzak outside the office of Governor Mario Cuomo.



# TIMELINE

1987

Medicare Patients Rights Hotline established; StateWide works extensively on regulations protecting consumers regarding hospital discharge policies.



1990

StateWide leads campaign for Mandatory Medicare assignment which limits doctor overcharges. StateWide helps pass reforms to EPIC Programs.

1993

StateWide plays a role with children's organizations in the passage of Child Health Plus.

1994

StateWide members take part in White House Conference on Aging; StateWide plays a leadership role in passing Pre-Need Funeral Protections.

1995

StateWide urges action after hundreds of seniors die in heat wave in Chicago; StateWide joins fight against Medicare cuts proposed by Newt Gingrich.

1996

StateWide works for reforms of HMOs and passage of managed care bill of rights.

1997

StateWide plays a role in urging the Attorney General to become more active in health care consumer protections.

1999-2000

StateWide plays a key role in helping to expand the EPIC Program's income eligibility limits. StateWide and Coalition Partners helped secure almost \$6 million in additional funding for SNAP, CSE, CSI, EISEP, LTC Ombuds Program, Social Model Adult Day Care and Senior Center Renovation and Construction.



## Senior Action

New York Statewide Senior Action Council  
275 State Street, Albany, New York 12210 (518) 436-1006

July-August 2000

### Drug Companies Try to Buy Congress

Report Shows Industry Gave \$33.4 Million Since '94  
New York Seniors Demonstrate at Bristol Myers

As part of a national "day of rage" about high drug prices, over 200 New York seniors including many from StateWide joined outside Bristol Myers headquarters in Manhattan on July 6. Company officials tried to move the rally but the police said it was illegal. Demonstrators passed out flyers to company employees at lunch time. Public Citizen, the national consumer group from Washington also released a report during a press conference showing that the drug industry is buying access to Congress. The study called "Adding Congress: Drug Companies' Campaign Cash & Lobbying Expenses" shows the huge amounts of money the pharmaceutical industry gives to influence Congress.

Since 1994, the pharmaceutical and biotech industry have given \$33.4 million to candidates and their parties, spent \$51.6 million in 1999 on direct lobbying and Public Citizen projects that they will spend \$7.5 million in soft money (expensive for party building activities) contributions in 2000.

The high level of campaign cash and lobbying has made the pharmaceutical industry one of the most powerful groups in Washington. This financial support of candidates and parties allows the industry special access to Congress and they have been very active in trying to defeat any prescription drug benefit for seniors which would be met through the Medicare program. In fact, it was this proposal approved by House Republicans to have the Medicare drug benefit met by private insurance companies even though almost all insurance companies said they did not want to offer a drug-only benefit because it would be unprofitable.

The House passed that bill (HR-4682) in late June. That plan does nothing to lower the costs of drugs. It does nothing to end price discrimination. This plan has been criticized by senior groups and insurance companies alike as a plan that will be too costly for seniors and one that will not work. The proposal would force seniors to spend thousands of dollars out-of-pocket for the drugs they need.

**Warning! Beware!**  
Have You Received Mailings From the Seniors Coalition or other senior groups from Virginia warning against the Canadian health care system? They are funded in part by the drug companies and working against StateWide. Don't support them. See page 11 for more information about who these groups are who are working hand in hand with the drug companies against our interests.

StateWide Co-Sponsors Bus Trip To Montreal to Buy Cheaper Drugs  
Seniors saved hundreds of dollars when they went to Montreal on a bus trip on June 4. Funded in part by the Rose Kryzak Legacy Fund. See the report on our trip on page 6.

# TIMELINE

1999-  
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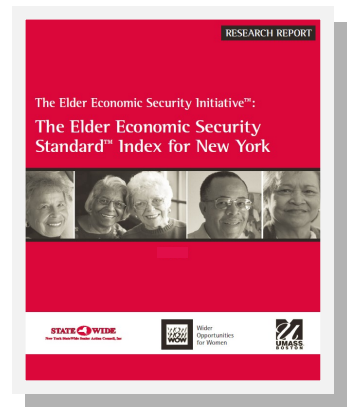
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StateWide urges Senate to hold hearings on the high cost of prescriptions.



2005

Statewide is awarded a federal grant to conduct outreach and education on the new Medicare Part D drug benefit, and its interface with EPIC. The project focuses on establishing monitoring teams throughout the state, providing Helpline support to Seniors and community members, and meeting directly with seniors.



2009

Statewide is named lead organization in the roll out of the New York State Elder Economic Security Index in conjunction with WOW and the U-MASS.

2011

StateWide and coalition partners successfully advocate:

- To restore budget funding for senior centers through Title XX
- To reduce budget cuts to the EPIC program
- To provide an additional year of services through NYConnects



2012

StateWide celebrates its 40th Anniversary by:

- Developing Hospital Patient's Rights Tool Kit
- Adopting new bylaws that adjust our current regional framework

StateWide receives funding from the National Community Reinvestment Coalition's (NCRC) National Neighbor Silver grant for income security Initiatives.

StateWide successfully protests cuts to EPIC and gets project funded to 2011 level.



# OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



Charlie Battaglia has worked in the field of aging since 1975 and has devoted his career to advocating on behalf of older adults. His career began as a case worker for at risk senior citizens at the Gloria Parks Community Center, a community-based, not for profit organization in north Buffalo. He later became the Center's Executive Director and implemented many programs and services for older adults including congregate dining, a transportation service, a minor home repair program, and other services to assist older adults remain independent and in the community.

Charlie recently retired from the Erie County Department of Senior Services, the area agency on aging, in Buffalo after 30 years of service. During his tenure at Senior Services, he served in several different capaci-

## CHARLES BATTAGLIA

ties, helped expand services to older adults in Erie County, and was a strong advocate for increased funding for home and community-based services.

Charlie also implemented a number of unique initiatives including a 55+ Job Fair, Elder Law Day, and the Town Hall Meeting on Aging Issues.

Charlie has also served on various boards and organizations that advocate on behalf of older adults and has served as vice-president and president of the Network in Aging of Western New York. He remains active on the organizations' Education Committee and will rejoin the Board of Directors in November.

Charlie also was active with several statewide advocacy organizations including the Older Worker Employment Professional of New York and the Western Region of the Adult Day Services Association. Charlie also served as Vice-Chair of the New York Association of Area Agencies on Aging's Legislative Committee and in 2002, he received the organizations' All Star Advocacy Award for spearheading an effort to bring together a various advocacy organizations across New York State including Statewide Senior Action in an effort to develop a single advocacy platform for the expansion of services to senior adults living in New York.

In retirement, Charlie continues to remain active in various activities that help improve the lives of older adults and is presently President of the Kenmore-Tonawanda Meals on Wheels Program.

Recently Retired  
Coordinator  
Neighborhood  
Services

Erie County  
Department of  
Senior Services

# EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Mae Carpenter is a nationally recognized authority on seniors who has worked in the field of aging for more than 30 years. She was appointed Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPS) in 2001. Prior to that, she had been director of the county's Office for the Aging – DSPS' forerunner – since 1979.

Ms. Carpenter spearheads DSPS' Livable Communities Initiative: "A Vision for All Ages – Bringing People and Places Together" - the department's signature project which aims to identify and develop ways for seniors to continue living in their homes as they grow older with dignity, independence and civic involvement.

The initiative has been recognized many times over the years, most recently in June 2012 when AARP designated Westchester as one of its first seven "AARP Network

Age-Friendly Communities", recognizing the county for its commitment and multiyear plan to improve the quality of life for senior citizens. This also qualifies Westchester County as a member of the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. In 2010, the initiative won two International Livable Communities Awards in the United Nations-endorsed worldwide competition.

Over the years, Ms. Carpenter has received many awards, including: the Director's Distinguished Achievement in Aging Award from the NYS Office for the Aging; the President's Award from the NY State Society on Aging; the 2008 ASA Award for outstanding and ongoing contributions to aging-related services, research, administration or advocacy.

She is a member of the board of directors of the American Society on Aging, The Club at Briarcliff Manor and the Wartburg Adult Care Community. She also serves on the advisory councils of the NYS Assembly Committee on Aging and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Advisory Committee on Aging.

In addition, she was a representative to the National White House Conferences on Aging in 1981, 1995 and 2005. Resolutions that Ms. Carpenter helped to develop at the 2005 conference contributed to setting the national agenda for seniors through 2015.



**MAE CARPENTER**

Commissioner

Westchester  
County Dept. of  
Senior Programs  
and Services

# SPECIAL AWARDEE



Marcus Harazin recently retired from the New York State Office for the Aging where he served as a Deputy Director. Mr. Harazin is a lifetime member of StateWide Senior Action and has worked in the field of aging and human services for over thirty four years.

While at NYSOFA he administered the Division of Community Services overseeing the delivery programs provided through local offices for the aging, senior centers and the aging network including home care, case management, nutrition program, care giver assistance, health insurance counseling and assistance, older workers employment programs, Naturally Occurring Retirement Programs, state funded RSVP and community empowerment initiatives. He coordinated disaster preparedness and response efforts for the State Office for the Aging.

## MARCUS HARAZIN

While at NYSOFA Mr. Harazin

implemented several innovative federal grants to that resulted in improved assistance for persons with dementia and their families and expanded the use of evidence based disease prevention and health promotion programs. He created the Senior Health Check Up Program to increase the use of preventive health care tests and services by Medicare recipients across New York so they could detect potentially harmful disease at an early stage.

Mr. Harazin has an M.S. in Health Services with a focus on gerontology from Sage Graduate School and was the recipient of the Richard Maddox Award as Outstanding Student in Health Services Administration. In 2010 he received the New York State Society on Aging's Walter M. Beattie Award for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Aging.

Mr. Harazin has served on a variety of state level advisory groups. He was a member of the senior issues team formed by the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and the State Office for the Aging and represented the Office for the Aging on the Office of Persons with Developmental Services Task for on Seniors.

Prior to coming to state government, Mr. Harazin had extensive experience in local government serving as the Commissioner of a social services district and Director of the Fulton County Office for the Aging.

StateWide  
Lifetime  
Member

Recently Retired  
Deputy Director  
NYS Office for  
the Aging

# SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Alan B. Lubin, New York State United Teachers' (NYSUT) former executive vice president serving from 1993 to 2010, helped guide the union's massive political mobilization and legislative efforts. He came to Albany after 26 years as an educator and elected leader of the United Federation of Teachers, NYSUT's affiliate in New York City. He served from 1995 to 2010 as a vice president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and a member of the NYS AFL-CIO's executive council.

Lubin helped shape the union's legislative and political action programs as executive vice president. Realizing the strength of a grassroots political network, Lubin organized NYSUT's nationally acclaimed political action committee with activists in every New York State electoral district.

That strong presence helped bring forward landmark legislation, including the permanent cost-of-living adjustment law for retired public employees (COLA), the Schools Against Violence in Education law (SAVE) and the bill mandating that every state public school have a defibrillator available. Under Lubin's advocacy, state school aid increased 133% since the early 1990s.

Lubin serves as co-chair of the Business and Labor Coalition of New York (BALCONY), a unique broad based consensus building organization seeking common ground between business and labor. He currently serves on the Medicare Rights Center Board as treasurer, serves as a member of the board of directors for the Council for Unity and the New York State Labor Religion Coalition. He currently serves on the state of New York's Comptroller's Audit Committee and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation.

Lubin heads his own consulting firm, Alan Lubin Consulting. His priorities as a consultant continues to include expanded involvement of newer members in their unions, greater minority member participation in state and local unions and organizing new members into labor's family. In addition, he continues to work at building coalitions between different groups to benefit all of society.

He was elected to the United States Electoral College for the 2004 and 2008 Presidential Elections.

Lubin lives in Clifton Park with his wife, Sharon. They have two grown children, both SUNY graduates, and a beautiful granddaughter, Helena.



**ALAN LUBIN**

Co-Chair

**BALCONY**  
The Business  
and Labor  
Coalition of  
New York

# COMMUNITY PLANNING AWARD



**PAUL REISS, PhD**

President,  
Mercy Care for  
the Adirondacks

Paul J. Reiss, born in 1930 at Lake Placid, New York, earned a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, from Holy Cross College, an MA from Fordham University, and a Ph.D. in Behavioral Science (anthropology, sociology and psychology) from Harvard University.

After six years as an Assistant Professor at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Dr. Reiss moved in 1963 to Fordham University in New York City where he served in a variety of positions culminating in ten years as Executive Vice President, responsible for the management of the entire University.

In 1985 Paul Reiss was appointed the fourteenth President of Saint Michael's College, Colchester, Vermont and served for 11 years where his development campaigns raised over \$30 million, building and renovating eighty percent of the college's

facilities and fully wiring the campus for computerization. The value of the campus grew from \$26 to \$74 million and the endowment increased from \$7 million to \$37 million.

In 1989 he participated in the Vatican conference which led to the Apostolic Constitution of Pope John Paul II on Catholic Universities, Ex Corde Ecclesiae. Since his retirement from Saint Michael's College, Dr. and Mrs. Reiss have made their home in Lake Placid where they have sponsored, through the Julian Reiss Foundation, a summer camp for the education and personal development of 180 inner city children from New York City.

Dr. Reiss has served as a member of the board, treasurer, and later as President of The Lake Placid Sinfonietta.

Paul Reiss also served as Chairman of the Board of the Mercy Uihlein Health Foundation and as the founding President of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, which seeks through care, assistance and community empowerment, education and advocacy to promote a fullness of life for elders living in their own homes in the Tri-Lakes communities of Lake Placid, Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake.

Paul and Rosemary Reiss have nine children and twenty-six grandchildren.

*A biography of Paul J. Reiss can be found in: Who's Who in America.*

# OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Lourdes Rodríguez-Dox is the Director of the 1199-SEIU/UHE Retirees Division. She has worked at the union in various positions since 1986.

Recognizing the importance of the mental and physical well-being of her members, she has added group health classes, nutrition, and senior topics to the menu of services that are provided to the retirees in her union.

Along with the union which she works for, the retirees division has grown exponentially over the past 25 years. Ms. Rodríguez-Dox has ensured that new retirees, and their beneficiaries—which number up to 55,000 today, find an organization that will provide the support and resources that they need.

Lourdes has also made certain that the retirees stay

true to their union roots. The 1199-SEIU/UHE retirees have formed an important part of their union's political force. Ms. Rodríguez-Dox has organized her members in New York State as well as in Florida and the Carolinas, to conduct leafleting, calls, and organizing activities to protect health care, Medicare, Social Security, senior services in the community, voter education and registration, and many other campaigns.

She has developed excellent relationships with a broad coalition of community groups, sitting on the Advisory Boards of Metrohealth, NYNAMSS, and collaborating with them to attain mutual goals.

She is the liaison between the Retirees Division and the Executive Board of 1199-SEIU/UHE.

Lourdes has two children, three grandchildren, and lives in Orange County.



**LOURDES RODRIGUEZ-DOX**

Director

1199-SEIU/UHE  
Retirees Division

# TRIBUTE TO SISTER BERNADETTE DEVLIN



Born on November 22, 1922 in Norwich, CT., Sr. Bernadette was the third of four girls. Her father was a steel dye cutter and the Devlin family moved often as her father trained workers throughout the region. She entered the Daughters of Charity in 1940. After 35 years of teaching in elementary schools in the northeastern states including in the NY communities of Albany, Utica, Canastota and Syracuse, Sr. Bernadette left education and began her ministry in social services.

In 1978 she moved to Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn and worked in Bayside, Queens where she helped form and direct about 115 Golden Age Clubs with 9000 seniors for the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. Sister Bernadette earned a Master's degree in Gerontology from Yeshiva University.

Sr. Bernadette participated fully with the seniors, in the Golden Age Clubs. She brought them information on senior issues from Statewide and urged them to take action to support campaigns for EPIC and other programs. She also worked with StateWide's legendary activist Rose Kryzak. Sr. Bernadette received awards for her work with StateWide and Catholic Charities. She also served on the Board of IPRO, and continued to be active there and with StateWide after she retired to the provincial house of the Daughters of Charity in the Albany area in 2006.

At the time of her death, Sister Bernadette was an active member of the StateWide Senior Action Council Board of Directors.

## **In memory of Sister Bernadette Devlin.**

### StateWide Board of Directors

<i>Mary Jane Barnes</i>	<i>Carlton Doane</i>	<i>Helen Sanders</i>
<i>Priscilla Bassett</i>	<i>Diana Dufresne</i>	<i>Lani Sanjek</i>
<i>Mike Bishansky</i>	<i>Dorothy Fields</i>	<i>Nelsa Selover</i>
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<i>James Collins</i>	<i>Robert Miller</i>	<i>Nancy Yost</i>
	<i>Diane Adele Pomoroy</i>	

### Others honoring Sister Bernadette:

*Maria Alvarez*  
*Muriel Beach*  
*Sarah Jane Blake*  
*Mike and Kate Burgess*  
*Julie Kosikowski*  
*Pearl Reeves*

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 10, 2012

New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc.  
27 State Street  
Albany, NY 12210



Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and sincerest congratulations as you gather for the New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc.'s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention Gala Celebration, "It Starts with you, Pay It Forward". I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of the New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc. on this momentous occasion.

Established in 1972, the New York StateWide Senior Action Council has been a crusader for senior citizens across New York State and has taken leadership roles in advocating for proper healthcare benefits, low income housing for the elderly, and other interests of concerns for senior citizens. With forty years of experience assisting seniors with a variety of issues, NYSWSAC continues to promote the best working and living environment for seniors of all ages and promotes awareness of the needs and abilities of elderly in New York State. The New York StateWide Senior Action Council provides invaluable services to hundreds of seniors each year and for that we owe you a great deal of gratitude.

Again, congratulations on forty years of dedicated service to New York Seniors and their families, advocating for the best possible living environment for each and every senior. I know that your hard work and dedication has been a tremendous aid in ensuring the safety and civil rights of seniors everywhere. Best wishes for a successful conference and a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles E. Schumer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator



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October 10, 2012

Maria Alvarez, Executive Director  
StateWide Senior Action Council  
275 State Street  
Albany, NY 12210



Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala hosted by the New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Inc. Since 1972, StateWide has worked to achieve dignity, well-being and security for senior citizens throughout New York.

A grassroots organization of individuals and member clubs, the StateWide Senior Action Council enables older New Yorkers to advocate collectively and effectively for their interests and needs, offering a strong voice with respect to programs, services and policies that affect senior citizens. Founded with War on Poverty funds, StateWide has a longstanding commitment to supporting low-income and minority seniors. With accomplishments ranging from the creation of the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program to the recent development of the Elder Economic Security Index, StateWide continues to educate, inform, and build solidarity, providing a Patient Rights Helpline and counseling services as well as numerous initiatives through its local chapters. The dedicated officers, board, staff, members and partners of the New York StateWide Senior Action Council are protecting the rights of elderly people, bringing the generations together, and enhancing the life of the entire community.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. DiNapoli  
State Comptroller



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

October 10, 2012

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the New York StateWide Senior Action Council's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

With our City's over-60 population set to grow nearly 50% by the year 2030, protecting the well-being of our seniors is more important than ever before. As we take steps to improve services for our older residents, we are proud to have a partner like StateWide. Since its founding in 1972, this organization has been a tireless advocate for New York's low-income and minority seniors, offering a variety of programs that help them remain active members of their communities. Together, we applaud StateWide as it celebrates this significant milestone, and we look forward to helping even more of our City's seniors age with grace and dignity.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I offer my best wishes for a wonderful gala and continued success in your vital mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

## CONGRATULATIONS STATEWIDE!



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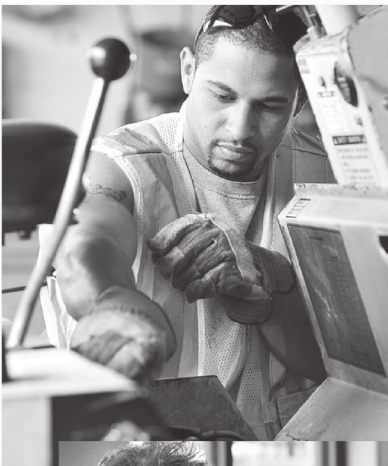


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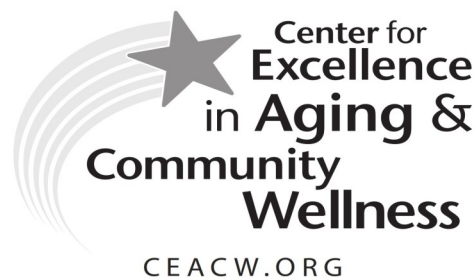


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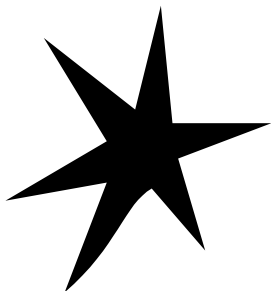
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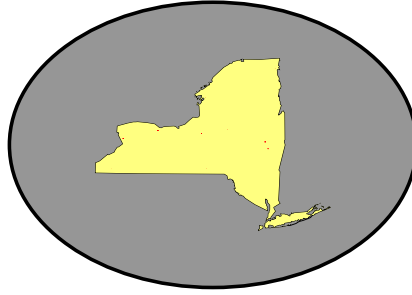
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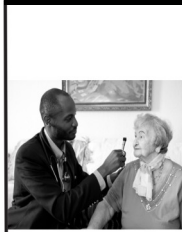
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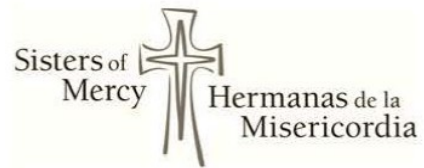


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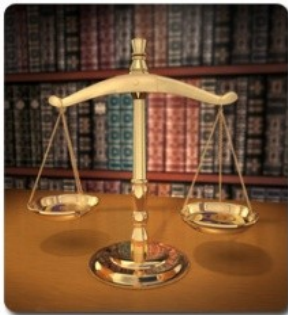


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