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Women's City Club Hosts 101st Annual Meeting, Featuring Keynote Speaker Mrs. Matilda Raffa Cuomo, on June 8

- *The program will also recognize Milestone Members and the Women's City Club Member of the Year -*

New York, N.Y. – Women's City Club of New York hosts their 101st Annual Meeting, for members and non-members alike, on Thursday, June 8. The evening will feature highlights from the past year, including recognition of Milestone Members and the Member of the Year.

Mrs. Matilda Raffa Cuomo will provide the Keynote address. Her life's work is closely aligned with the mission of Women's City Club and she is dedicated to service, as evidenced by her longstanding role as a respected and distinguished advocate on behalf of women, children, and families.

As First Lady of New York State from 1983 to 1995, Matilda Raffa Cuomo diligently worked with state and elected officials and community leaders to establish programs to prevent child abuse, strengthen families, promote adoption for foster care children, and improve school absenteeism and retention. Her work has been invaluable and its impact can be felt even today. Mrs. Cuomo has been described as the most active First Lady in New York State's history.

In 1984, Mrs. Cuomo chaired the committee that established the nation's first school-based one-to-one mentoring program. The highly successful New York State Mentoring Program screened and trained volunteers and matched them to children in their communities to prevent high school drop-out. The program reached more than 10,000 students statewide, connecting thousands of adolescents to a network of highly trained mentors to help them succeed in school, to graduate, and to advance to the workplace as committed, socially responsible citizens. In 1995, she established Mentoring USA to continue the goals of the New York State Mentoring Program. Since its inception, Mentoring USA has expanded nationally and internationally, with affiliate Mentoring USA chapters in Italy, Spain, Bulgaria, and Latvia.

In his 2015 State of the State address, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced New York State's re-commitment to mentoring by reestablishing The New York State Mentoring Program, chaired again by his mother, Mrs. Cuomo. Her leadership will help allow New York to once again lead the way in mentoring children toward successful outcomes with a renewed emphasis on one-to-one mentoring, innovative programming, and ongoing support for the needs of children in our state.



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About Women's City Club of New York

Women's City Club of New York (WCC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan, multi-issue activist organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers. WCC shapes public policy through education, issues analysis, advocacy, and civic participation. As WCC enters its second century of activism, it continues to pursue economic, racial, and gender justice with the goal of dismantling the social inequities that deprive citizens of the opportunity to thrive. Through member-led Task Forces, WCC conducts research, publishes reports, fosters dialogue with public officials, and launches public education and multi-year advocacy campaigns in the following focus areas: Criminal Justice, The Environment, Good Government, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Income Inequality, and Public Education. For more information, visit <http://www.wccny.org>.

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