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THE 2016 CIVIC SPIRIT AWARDS DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

The University Club
1 West 54th Street
New York City

6:00 p.m.
Reception and
Centennial Exhibit

7:00 p.m.
Welcome
Dinner
Awards Ceremony
Closing Remarks

ABOUT THE CIVIC SPIRIT AWARDS



The Civic Spirit Award is presented to individuals and organizations whose outstanding professional and philanthropic accomplishments reflect an unwavering commitment to the betterment of New York City and beyond. The Award recognizes individuals whose exemplary life achievements reflect a passion for the public good, leadership and vision, and who personify New York's dynamic "civic spirit." Diverse yet bound by their shared commitment to improving the world around them, we salute our Honorees with the 2016 Civic Spirit Award.

HOST: G. ANGELA HENRY



Grace Angela Henry is a voice actor specializing in documentary film, audiobooks, tours and voice-overs. Angela has appeared in television productions in the United States and Europe, and in theatrical productions including at the Actors Studio in New York and the Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck. Before becoming an actor, Angela was a search consultant to non-profit organizations and a senior administrator in non-profits focused on education, women, children and human rights. A native New Yorker, Angela is a life member of the Women's City Club of New York.

2016 CIVIC SPIRIT AWARD HONOREE

Maria Cuomo Cole

Chair, H.E.L.P., USA, and
President, Cuomo Cole
Productions



Maria Cuomo Cole has worked as an advocate for the homeless and Chairman of H.E.L.P., USA since 1992. Under her leadership, the New York-based non-profit

organization founded in 1986 by her brother, Governor Andrew Cuomo, has expanded nationally to become a leading provider of homes and services for the homeless and low-income populations in the United States. She has led the strategic growth of the organization to serve growing populations in need of secure homes and services including: veterans, victims of domestic violence and people with HIV/AIDS. Committed to combating domestic and sexual violence and abuse, Maria created the H.E.L.P., USA Scholarship Fund, which provides grants to survivors and their children for housing and education needs.

She is also the award-winning producer of the feature documentary, *Newtown*, which premiered at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival. Filmed over the course of nearly three years, *Newtown* documents a traumatized community fractured by grief and driven toward a sense of purpose. Most recently, she executive produced *The Hunting Ground*, directed by Kirby Dick, which investigates the epidemic of sexual assaults on college campuses. In 2012, Maria executive produced the 2014 Oscar® nominated documentary, *The Invisible War*, about the epidemic of rape and sexual violence in the U.S. military, which served as a catalyst for federal legislation and policy reforms. For this film, she was awarded two Emmy® Awards and a Peabody.

Maria has been recognized for her leadership and service by numerous organizations. A few such honors include: Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal Award; New York Women's Forum; The American Red Cross' Humanitarian Award; the National Alliance to End Homelessness Private Sector Award; and New York Women in Communications MATRIX Award.

PRESENTER Florence Frucher



Florence "Floss" Frucher is currently an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at the Baruch

College School of Public Affairs, a component college of the City University of New York.

Since receiving her undergraduate degree in history from Stanford University and masters degrees in Public Administration and Higher and Adult Education from Harvard and Columbia Universities respectively, she has worked in a number of public and non-profit venues including correctional services, aging advocacy, adult basic education and, for 25 years, healthcare administration for both the State and City of New York. She directed the New York City regional office of the New York State Department of Health in the (Mario) Cuomo Administration and the Mayor's Office of Medicaid Managed Care in the Dinkins Administration, concluding with a job as COO of a Medicaid HMO in Manhattan before entering "academia."

She is the wife of Sandy Frucher, mother of three children and grandmother of their children. Life is full and wonderful!

PRESENTER Robin Morgan



An award-winning writer, feminist leader, political analyst, journalist, editor and co-founder of the Women's Media Center,

Robin Morgan has published 21 books including six of poetry, four of fiction, and the now-classic anthologies *Sisterhood Is Powerful*, *Sisterhood Is Global* and *Sisterhood Is Forever*.

Her work has been translated into 13 languages. A founder of contemporary U.S. feminism, she has also been a leader in the international women's movement for 30 years. Recent books include, *A Hot January: Poems 1996-1999*; *Saturday's Child: A Memoir*; her best-selling *The Demon Lover: The Roots of Terrorism*, updated and reissued in 2001; and her novel, *The Burning Time*. Her non-fiction work, *Fighting Words: A Tool Kit for Combating the Religious Right*, came out in September 2006. She hosts "Women's Media Center Live," the radio "talk-show with a brain."

In 1984, Robin, the late Simone de Beauvoir, and women from 80 countries founded the international feminist think tank, *Sisterhood Is Global Institute*, which continues to champion women's rights across the globe.

2016 CIVIC SPIRIT AWARD HONOREE

Jessica Neuwirth, Esq.

Founder/President, ERA Coalition; Founder/Director, Donor Direct Action; and Founder, Equality Now



Jessica Neuwirth is founder and director of the ERA Coalition, a co-founder of the international women's rights organization Equality Now, and director of Donor Direct Action, an initiative to support women's rights organizations around the world. She is the author of *Equal Means Equal: Why the Time for an Equal Rights Amendment Is Now* (The New Press). From 1985 to 1990, she worked for Amnesty International and subsequently for Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, specializing in sovereign debt restructuring. She has also worked

in the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs and as Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She served as a special consultant on sexual violence to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) for the Akayesu and Musema judgments, and worked again for the ICTR on the Media judgment. As a guest lecturer in 2005, she taught international women's rights at Harvard Law School. As Special Advisor on Sexual Violence to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2010, she organized the UN high-level panel on reparations for victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in History from Yale University.

2016 CIVIC SPIRIT AWARD HONOREE

Helen D. (“Heidi”) Reavis, Esq.

Managing Partner, Reavis Parent Lehrer LLP, and
Emmy Award®-Winning Executive Producer



**Helen D.
 (“Heidi”)
 Reavis** fulfills
a dual role
of being
Managing
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Reavis Parent Lehrer LLP and
Executive Producer/Legal Advisor on
feature film and television productions
emphasizing humane treatment.

Within Reavis Parent Lehrer LLP’s
general commercial practice, Heidi
oversees the firm’s Employment
Group and maintains active intellectual
property and media practices. Drawing
upon her prior experience and training
within the Sex Crimes Unit of the
New York County District Attorney’s
Office concerning the protection of
vulnerable members of our community,
Heidi strives to resolve discrimination,
harassment and other workplace
violations through such avenues as the
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity
Commission, and to promote strategies
to foster inclusive, diverse and safe
environments, particularly where

women and individuals of color have
historically been underrepresented.

Heidi’s advocacy has broadened
through her work as General Counsel
of Engel Entertainment, Inc., and as
Executive Producer/Legal Advisor
on film and television productions
ranging from feature documentary
films to popular television series on
major networks. The “masterful”
Emmy Award®-winning documentary,
A Walk to Beautiful, was featured or
won awards in over 35 film festivals,
won the coveted IDA Best Documen-
tary Feature Film Award, was aired
before Congress, and led to increased
funding sought from the U.S.
Government for maternal health
care in developing countries.

A graduate of Smith College and
University of Chicago Law School,
Heidi has served on the Boards of
Friends Seminary School, Women
Make Movies and Women’s City
Club of New York, has been honored
with her colleague Lawrence Brocchini
by the Women’s Sports Foundation,
and looks forward to WCC’s next
hundred years!

PRESENTER

Debra Zimmerman



**Debra
Zimmerman**
is the
Executive
Director
of Women
Make Movies

(WMM), a New York non-profit
social enterprise organization
that has been supporting women
filmmakers with distribution and
production assistance of their
independent films since 1972. For
10 of the last 11 years, filmmakers
from WMM’s programs have won
or been nominated for Academy
Awards® including this year’s win-
ner for Best Short Documentary,
Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy. Debbie is
in great demand around the world
as a speaker. She is the recipient
of numerous awards, including
New York Women in Film and
Television’s Changemaker Award
and Hot Doc’s Doc Mogul Award,
given to those who have made
an essential contribution to the
creative vitality of the documentary
industry, both in his or her home
country and abroad.

2016 CIVIC SPIRIT AWARD HONOREES

Jennifer Buffett and Pamela Shifman

Co-President

Executive Director

NoVo Foundation



Jennifer Buffett is co-president of the NoVo Foundation with her husband, Peter. She is responsible for creation and oversight of the Foundation's vision, strategy and program development. In addition, Jennifer is co-chair of the

Foundation's Board of Directors.

Jennifer works passionately advocating for girls and women worldwide to end violence and exploitation against them, promoting "whole-child" education practices and supporting balanced, sustainable communities.

Jennifer currently serves on the Board of V-Day. She began her work in philanthropy in 1997 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, primarily as a funder of social service organizations with a focus on early childhood education for at-risk children and families.

In September 2008, Jennifer and Peter received the Clinton Global Citizen Award for their

"visionary leadership and sustainable, scalable work in solving pressing global challenges." Presenting the Award to the Buffetts, former President Bill Clinton said, "The Buffetts are leading an inspirational campaign to improve the status of women and girls across the globe. Their innovative approach to philanthropy has leveraged the capacity of existing organizations to affect real, positive change."



Pamela Shifman is the Executive Director of the NoVo Foundation. From 2008–2014, Pamela

served as the NoVo Foundation's Director of Initiatives for Girls and Women.

Pamela came to the NoVo Foundation from UNICEF headquarters where she led the organization's efforts to end gender-based violence in conflict-affected settings including Darfur, Eastern Congo, Uganda, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Prior to joining the UN, Pamela served as the Co-Executive

Director of Equality Now, where she focused extensively on eliminating trafficking of girls and women and convened a coalition of organizations for passage of the first U.S. legislation on trafficking in persons and the UN Transnational Crime Protocol on Trafficking in Persons.

From 1996–1998, Pamela served as legal advisor for the ANC Parliamentary Women’s Caucus in South Africa where she supported development of South Africa’s first post-apartheid legislation addressing domestic violence, and led a National Campaign on Ending Violence against Girls and Women.

The NoVo Foundation is dedicated to building a more just and balanced world. Founded in 2006 by Jennifer and Peter Buffett, NoVo has become one of the largest private foundations in the world to support initiatives focused explicitly on girls and women. It also works to advance social and emotional learning and promote balanced, sustainable communities. Across all of its work, the NoVo Foundation supports the development of capacities in people—individually and collectively—to help create a world based on mutual respect, collaboration and love. To learn more, visit www.novofoundation.org.

PRESENTER Sharon Richardson



Sharon Richardson is Founder and Director of *Reentry Rocks*, an organization dedicated to supporting domestic violence survivors caught up in the criminal justice system. She is also the Re-Entry Specialist at STEPS to End Family Violence, a multi-service non-profit designed to meet the unique and complex needs of survivors of gender-based violence who are convicted of crimes related to abuse. While serving 20 years in prison for a domestic violence-related case, she earned degrees in Sociology and Clinical Pastoral Education. Since returning home in 2010, she has inspired many audiences as a motivational speaker, advocate and educator. Sharon has presented on issues of domestic violence, prison conditions for women, and reentry for a wide range of audiences and venues, including Columbia Law School, the Criminal Justice Action Network, CUNY Law School, the New York Women’s Foundation, the New York State Legislature, *Crime After Crime* screenings, and at various domestic violence conferences. Her story and work has appeared in numerous radio and print media. She is also a writer, actor and producer, and curated several productions while incarcerated and since returning home. She is currently part of Mightee Sheero Production’s touring V-Day Taconic 2016 cast, which is bringing Eve Ensler’s *Vagina Monologues* to incarcerated women and men across New York State. Sharon is also a small business owner who recently launched her catering company, *Just Soul*.

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2015	Gale A. Brewer	2006	James Quigley	1999	Joan S. Freilich
2015	Vivian Fox	2006	Marcy Syms	1999	Tamara E. Robinson
2015	Lynne Meadow	2006	Denise Durham Williams	1999	Kathryn Wylde
2014	Susan Avarde	2005	Amelia Augustus	1998	Myrna Blyth
2014	Marianne J. Legato, MD	2005	Valerie Salembier	1998	Barbarlee Diamonstein-Spielvogel
2014	The New York Women's Foundation	2005	Muriel Siebert	1998	Joan Gerner
2013	Lela Goren	2005	Donna Wilson	1997	Pat M. Cloherty
2013	Sara Horowitz	2004	Stanley Litow	1997	Jane Hanson
2013	Maria D. Meléndez	2004	Maureen McFadden	1997	Sally Minard
2012	John H. Alschuler	2004	Nick McNickle	1996	Senator Bill Bradley
2012	Laurie Beckelman	2004	Mary Beth Salerno	1996	Betty Buckley
2012	Candace Damon	2004	Linda Simon	1996	Adele Filene
2012	Diana Touliatou Vagelos	2003	Kitty Carlisle Hart	1996	Valerie Jaudon
2011	David Caplan	2003	Gail B. Nayowith	1996	Elizabeth Kempton
2011	Fern Kahn	2003	Rossana Rosado	1996	Robin Wiessman
2011	Eleanor Jackson Piel	2003	Gerri Warren-Merrick	1996	Alice Cardona
2010	Linda A. Fairstein	2003	Mark A. Willis	1995	Gretchen Dykstra
2010	Robert M. Morgenthau	2002	Brenda Berkman	1995	Toni G. Fay
2010	Judith R. Shapiro	2002	Suzanne A. DuBose	1995	Charlayne Hunter-Gault
2009	Philip J. Landrigan	2002	Elinor C. Guggenheimer	1995	Elizabeth I. McCann
2009	Regina S. Peruggi	2002	Gail J. Koff	1995	Robert N. Sellar
2009	Annabelle F. Prager	2002	Westina Matthews Shatteen	1995	Candace L. Straight
2008	Maestro Vincent La Selva	2002	Lisa M. Weber	1995	Cynthia Wainwright
2008	Julie Menin	2001	Charlotte K. Frank	1994	Blair Brown
2008	Janice Weinman Shorenstein	2001	Roy R. Neuberger	1994	Anthea Disney
2007	Jacques d'Amboise	2001	Friends of the High School of Art & Design	1994	Patricia Higgins
2007	Carla Harris	2001	Linda Yang	1994	Marianne Spraggins
2007	HSBC Bank US, NA	2000	Judith R. Haberkorn	1993	Ruth Whitney
2007	Turner Construction Company	2000	Augusta Souza Kappner	1992	Alair A. Townsend
		2000	Nancy S. Ticktin	1991	Eleanor Jackson Piel & Gerard Piel
				1990	Marie & Roy R. Neuberger

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100 YEARS OF ACTIVISM: THEN & NOW

On January 31st 1916, the Women's City Club of New York held its first official meeting. It was the culmination of months of preparation as reported in The New York Times: "To prepare for the full exercise of their influences when they shall have the vote, prominent New York women announced a plan for the founding of a woman's city club, analogous in purposes and formation to the men's City Club."

The organizing committee anticipated its membership roster would include women from every part of the city, would reflect a variety of interests, and would get involved in all civic and reforms issues. The committee sent a letter to 100 women to recruit charter members of the Women's City Club. It read: "The object of this club will be to take up various city problems as they present themselves, to back all movements for city betterment along social and political lines, and to form a center of civic interests for the women of New York City."



The founders and early members of the Women's City Club of New York were visionaries and innovators. Among them were:

Katharine B. Davis, who became the first woman to hold a top-level post in New York City government when she was appointed New York City's Commissioner of Corrections in 1914. Davis, a noted prison reformer, moved quickly to improve conditions in the city's 15 penal institutions.

Ida Tarbell, a muckraker journalist whose book, *The History of the Standard Oil Company*, resulted in the dismantling of the Standard Oil monopoly. Tarbell is thought to have pioneered investigative journalism.

Frances Perkins, the first woman appointed to the U.S. Cabinet and the longest-serving cabinet member, holding positions under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. Perkins developed and implemented many aspects of the New Deal, including unemployment benefits, pensions for the many uncovered elderly Americans, and welfare for the poorest Americans through the Social Security Act.

Belle Moskowitz, started her career as a settlement worker, social and civic reformer and labor mediator. In the early 1920s, she became one of New York Governor Alfred E. Smith's closest advisers, and is recognized as a pioneer in the use of political public relations as evidenced by her leadership of Smith's campaigns for Governor and U. S. President.

Virginia Gildersleeve, the first Dean of Barnard College, was a part of the U.S. delegation charged with writing the United Nations Charter, and the leading advocate to ensure that Columbia University admitted women to its Law School.

Lillian Wald, a nurse and advocate of social welfare programs, founder of the illustrious Henry Street Settlement and, with W. E. B. Dubois, a founding member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (the NAACP).

Alice Duer Miller, a poet and novelist was the first President of WCC. She wrote "Are Women People?" which became the catchphrase of the Suffrage Movement.

100 YEARS OF ACTIVISM: THEN AND NOW (CONTINUED)

Within five years of the founding of WCC, **Eleanor Roosevelt** became a member. For several years, she chaired the Legislative Committee and served as a Board Member.

From the very beginning our founders were focused on creating deep impact. They provided future generations with a clear blueprint for making a difference by helping to improve social and economic conditions for ALL New Yorkers.

The founders of Women's City Club of New York were not driven by a single issue. They readily acknowledged the complexity of civic life and embraced a multi-issue advocacy agenda. They argued and mobilized women for prison reform, workers' rights, higher education for women, quality public school education, reproductive rights, transparent government practices and better housing for families.

All along the way, WCC's founding mothers challenged the status quo and were determined to "do more radical work" than other women's organizations of the day. In fact, on August 27th, 1915, Alice Carpenter, a noted suffragist of the time and WCC Founding Member, was quoted in The Sun stating: "The Women's Municipal

League has done splendid work but there has been a feeling among the group of those who have come in on our committee of one hundred that possibly more radical work than that done by the League would be of benefit to the city."

WCC founders advanced their causes by initiating what they called "interrogation luncheons" because as they noted: "women have heard enough speeches...they are ready to ask questions."

Through those questions and additional research, our founding mothers published numerous reports, launched advocacy campaigns and transformed the social landscape.

- In 1916, their first public meeting was with the Warden of Sing Sing to discuss the role of women in prison reform, while helping to organize a rally in Union Square to demand safe working conditions for women in garment factories.
- They released their first report: "Should Women be Admitted to Columbia Law School?" in 1917, while simultaneously campaigning to allow physicians to dispense birth control information.

- On September 15, 1917, they financed and established the first free maternity clinic in New York City through which they had hoped to reach 1,000 patients but recorded reaching over 2,300 by October 1, 1918 and 3,000 by January 1919.
- In 1918, WCC founders extended their civic engagement globally when they financed and sent a volunteer ambulance unit of eight fully-equipped trucks to France. History notes that women's participation in WWI changed the opinion of President Woodrow Wilson and congressional leaders in favor of giving women the right to vote.
- Our founders published two important reports in 1919. The first was, WCC's Voters Manual which was the first document with a complete list of city candidates at that time.
- The second was a strangely-titled report: "That Feminized Schools' Bugaboo" in which they called attention to the lack of scientific education for girls and pointed out that there were too few women serving on school boards.
- By 1920, they had succeeded in abolishing sex discrimination in New York State's civil service.

- Finally, by mid-1924, they launched the campaign for a 48-hour work week for women and participated in the drafting and advocacy of New York State's first child labor laws.

What an impressive list of accomplishments in just eight years! Our founding mothers were unwavering in their commitment to address the critical issues of their day and faced them 'head-on'.

Today, WCC continues as a multi-issue, non-profit and non-partisan organization in pursuit of economic, racial and gender justice. Our goal is to dismantle the social inequities that deprive New Yorkers of the opportunity to thrive.

Every day, WCC members reflect on the passion, intellect, courage and discipline of our founding mothers in setting lofty goals and pursuing them relentlessly. Knowing their legacy and recognizing that much remains to be done, we aspire to become the solid foundation on which WCC's second century of advocacy, activism and sustainable social impact will be built.

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We also salute all of WCC's
Centennial Honorees:

Jennifer Buffett
Pamela Shifman
Maria Cuomo Cole
Jessica Neuwirth
Heidi Reavis

and thank the supportive families,
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Co-President and Executive Director of the
NoVo Foundation
and all of tonight's Honorees.

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Marcy Syms

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March 25, 2016

Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to send greetings to everyone attending the Women's City Club of New York's Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

I would like to congratulate this evening's honorees: Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair of H.E.L.P., USA and President of Cuomo Cole Productions; Jessica Neuwirth, Founder/President of the ERA Coalition, Founder/Director of Donor Direct Action, and Founder of Equality Now; Jennifer Buffett, Co-President of the NoVo Foundation; Pamela Shifman, Executive Director of the NoVo Foundation; and Helen D. "Heidi" Reavis, Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Lehrer LLP.

Over the last one hundred years, from the women here to previous members such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Ruth Watson Lubic, these women emulate successful female leaders. I am grateful for the Women's City Club of New York for their years of service focusing on equal opportunities for women, developing safe and secure environments, and striving towards economic stability within our communities. Thank you for your dedication.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful evening and many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand".

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



Dear Friends,

On behalf of New York's 9th Congressional District, it is my honor to extend warm greetings and congratulations to the Women's City Club of New York on this momentous centennial and Annual Civic Spirit Awards. This evening, we honor your institution and your deep commitment to issue advocacy, activism and civic engagement in this great city.

I would also like to acknowledge tonight's exceptional honorees including; Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair, H.E.L.P., USA and President, Cuomo Cole Productions, Jessica Neuwirth Founder/President, ERA Coalition, Jennifer Buffet Co-President and Pamela Shifman, Executive Director, NoVo Foundation and last but certainly not least, Helen D. Revis, Managing Partner, Reavis Parent Lehrer LLP for your unwavering dedication to the lives others.

Today's event carries special meaning to us all, as we close Women's History Month along with your one hundred years of activism in service to the people of the city of New York

Since 1915, the Women's City Club of New York has been at the forefront of a number of important, progressive issues then and now. Your current focus on developments in Criminal Justice, Environmental Justice, Housing, Income Inequality, Education, Health and Good Governance continues to influence city wide discourse and spur needed change. We are incredibly grateful for all of the work you do.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success in your 100th year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvette D. Clarke". The signature is fluid and cursive.

*Yvette D. Clarke
Member of Congress*



April 21, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send my warmest greetings to the Women's City Club of New York on the occasion of the Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

Since its inception, the Women's City Club of New York has championed equality, stability and security for all New Yorkers. The members and task forces of this organization have consistently addressed some of the most pertinent issues in New York City, resulting in tangible benefit to us all.

I would like to congratulate this year's honorees, including Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffet, Pamela Shifman, and Helen ("Heidi") D. Reavis. Their contributions to civic life are rightfully celebrated tonight.

To the Women's City Club of New York and to the admired honorees, I thank you for your commitment to public service. I wish you all the very best for a memorable event and future success!

Sincerely,



Joseph Crowley
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Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings upon the occasion of your 2016 Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner. I am pleased to have this opportunity to acknowledge the Women's City Club of New York for their outstanding work. I would also like to commend your dedicated board for their exemplary leadership and congratulate this year's distinguished honorees Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman and Helen D. "Heidi" Reavis.

I applaud the dedication of the Women's City Club of New York and their ongoing mission of shaping public policy through advocacy, education, issue analysis and increasing civic participation in the community.

Your efforts to preserve and strengthen the lives of all New Yorkers by providing civic engagement training, workplace support for nursing mothers, as well as comprehensive guides has enabled the underserved to connect to community-based services. You have done an outstanding job providing much-needed resources and richly adding to the vitality of our society.

As the Representative of the 8th Congressional District, I want to thank you for your service and dedication. Best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

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Women's City Club of New York
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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend my best wishes to the friends and supporters of the Women's City Club of New York (WCC) on the occasion of its Centennial Civic Spirit Awards Dinner! It is an honor to join you in celebrating your continued dedication to promoting civic engagement and responsive government.

For the last century, the mission of Women's City Club of New York has remained constant. WCC, which is a multi-issue organization, strives to increase civic engagement and eliminate the policy barriers that limit opportunities for all New Yorkers. In particular, WCC has worked to reduce income inequality, ensure affordable and safe housing, and increase access to quality health care for everyone through research efforts and advocacy campaigns.

I would like to recognize Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair of H.E.L.P., USA and President of Cuomo Cole Productions; Jessica Neuwirth, Founder and President of the ERA Coalition, Founder and Director of Donor Direct Action, and Founder of Equality Now; Jennifer Buffett, Co-President of the NoVo Foundation; Pamela Shifman, Executive Director of the NoVo Foundation; and Helen D. "Heidi" Reavis, Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Leherer, LLP and Emmy award-winning Executive Producer. These women exemplify the goals of WCC and have made extraordinary contributions to our city, our state and our nation.

I am proud to salute all the friends and supporters of the Women's City Club of New York, and I extend my sincere appreciation for your activism in pursuit of economic, racial, and gender justice. I wish you all an enjoyable evening and another century of success!

Sincerely,


CAROLYN B. MALONEY
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April 21, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
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Dear Women's City Club of New York:

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt greetings to all gathered at the Women's City Club of New York 2016 Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

Women's City Club of New York (WCC) was founded in 1915 as a nonprofit, non-partisan, multi-issue activist organization dedicated to improving the lives of all New Yorkers. WCC aims to promote responsive government and shape public policy through education, issue analysis, advocacy and civic participation. Historically, the founding mothers of the Women's City Club of New York were not driven by a single-issue, but readily acknowledged the complexity of civic life and embraced a multi-issue advocacy agenda. They tackled tough issues such as prison reform, worker rights, higher education for women, quality public school education, reproductive rights, transparent government practices, and better housing for families. Now in its second century of advocacy, WCC continues as a multi-issue organization in pursuit of economic, racial, and gender justice with the goal of dismantling the social inequities that hinder opportunity and progress.

It is my honor to stand with Women's City Club of New York in congratulating this year's distinguished Spirit Award honorees: Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, and Helen D. ("Heidi") Reavis. I commend Women's City Club of New York for highlighting such invaluable work as well as their steadfast advocacy in the fight for equity and justice in the twenty-first century.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful dinner and much continued success!

Sincerely,

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Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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April 21, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
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Dear Friends:

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the Women's City Club of New York today, on the occasion of its 2016 Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

For the past 100 years, the Women's City Club has established itself as a key activist organization in New York City by leading efforts to analyze and address major issues facing its citizens. The Women's City Club conducts crucial research into these issues by providing educational resources and forums that foster civic engagement. These resources serve to empower the public and improve the lives of all New Yorkers.

I wish to congratulate the honorees of this year's Civic Spirit Awards, each of which embody the noble principles of the club: Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair of H.E.L.P., USA and President of Cuomo Cole Productions, Jessica Neuwirth, Founder and President of the ERA Coalition; Founder and Director of Donor Direct Action, and Founder of Equality Now, Jennifer Buffett and Pamela Shifman, Co-President and Executive Director of the NoVo Foundation, and Helen D. Reavis, Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLP.

On behalf of my constituents, I thank the Women's City Club for its achievements and outstanding contributions. Congratulations on this wonderful dinner, and on the occasion of your Centennial. I wish you all many years of continued success.

Sincerely,

JERROLD NADLER
Member of Congress



NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ
7TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

March 28, 2016

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Women's City Club of New York as you celebrate 100 years of service to New York's women and to all residents of our great City.

Since its inception, WCC has never shied from taking on the tough fights to improve the lives of women and our most vulnerable neighbors.

Whether it is working to pass New York's first child labor laws, demanding equality for women at academic institutions, expanding micro-enterprise and other paths out of poverty for women or, more recently, working toward transparency in government and reform of our criminal justice system, WCC has been a longstanding champion for social justice, affecting positive change throughout our communities.

Allow me to also salute this year's honorees: Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair, H.E.L.P., USA and President, Cuomo Cole Productions; Jessica Neuwirth, Founder/President, ERA Coalition, Founder/Director, Donor Direct Action, and Founder, Equality Now; Jennifer Buffett, Co-President and Pamela Shifman, Executive Director, NoVo Foundation; and Helen D. Reavis, Managing Partner, Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLP. These individuals exemplify WCC's commitment to justice and equality.

Again, thank you for all that you do and best wishes for a joyous celebration.

Sincerely,

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Nydia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress



STATE OF NEW YORK
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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

April 21, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Centennial Civic Spirit Awards Dinner hosted by the Women's City Club of New York.

Throughout the generations, the contributions of women have improved the lives of people across this state and nation. Many organizations founded by New York State women have a longstanding record of civic responsibility, and your members exemplify the admirable tradition of service upheld by the Women's City Club of New York.

For the past century, your organization has fought for the principles of democracy and to effect change in public policy through advocacy and action. Such community-based partnerships are essential in achieving these goals, and New Yorkers appreciate your socially-conscious efforts to advance the rights and interests of women, children, and the elderly, and to address the needs of society's most vulnerable.

This milestone occasion provides the opportunity to reflect upon your past achievements and your future path of continued progress. Tonight, you also honor women who uphold the ideals of humanitarian service, and I am pleased to join in applauding Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman, Helen D. Reavis, and my sister, Maria Cuomo Cole – all of whom are recognized for their valuable work.

I commend your entire membership for working to strengthen the visibility, the potential, and the voice of women, children, and others throughout the metropolitan region of our state.

Warmest regards and best wishes for a wonderful and memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

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ANDREW M. CUOMO



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April 21, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is truly an honor to extend my warmest greetings to each of you at the **Women's City Club of New York Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner**. Tonight is a special night as we come together to celebrate one hundred years of this organization's dedicated service and to honor those exemplary leaders throughout our communities.

Since its inception in 1915, the **Women's City Club of New York** has challenged the status quo and stood as a beacon for hope and progress in various issue areas, including workers rights, higher education for women, quality public school education and transparent government. The efforts of this fine organization have helped to create stronger, more just communities and we are forever in their debt.

I would like to congratulate tonight's special honorees: **Maria Cuomo Cole**, Chair of HELP USA and President of Cuomo Cole Productions; **Jessica Neuwirth**, Founder of ERA Coalition, Donor Direct Action, and Equality Now; **Jennifer Buffett**, Co-President of NoVo Foundation; **Pamela Shifman**, Executive Director of Novo Foundation; and **Helen "Heidi" Reavis**, Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLP.

I applaud all the hard work that has made tonight's event such a success. Thank you to all who selflessly serve the **Women's City Club of New York**. I look forward to one hundred more years of your tireless efforts.

Sincerely,

Senator Jeffrey D. Klein
New York State Senate Coalition Leader and
Independent Democratic Conference Leader

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April 21, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am honored to write this letter in celebration of the Women's City Club of New York's Centennial and Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner. Since its first meeting on January 31, 1916, the Women's City Club of New York has established itself as a preeminent force for social and economic justice for all New Yorkers.

The Women's City Club of New York is truly a thriving engine for women's achievement and progressive policy. Its forward-thinking and unrelenting advocacy on issues ranging from prison reform to public school education to affordable housing to reproductive rights has pushed forward substantial change and helped countless New Yorkers access the services they need. I commend the Women's City Club for its remarkable record over the past hundred years. For millions of women, in New York City and beyond, it has instilled a drive for activism and revolution in the face of obsolete and unjust policies and circumstances. Moreover, it has deeply impacted the laws governing our city and state today. The Women's City Club has long stood at the forefront of social change, undoubtedly strengthening the fabric of our city and the welfare of our communities.

As a father of a five-year-old daughter, I am personally grateful for all the work that the Women's City Club has done to transform the landscape for women in our city and throughout our country. Thanks to its expansive community of advocates and leaders, the Women's City Club of New York will continue to improve the lives of New Yorkers for generations to come. Congratulations to tonight's accomplished honorees, Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman, and Helen Reavis for their laudable efforts in support of New York women.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations and warmest regards to the Women's City Club of New York on one hundred years well-spent fighting for equality, fairness, and progress on behalf of all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

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Brad Hoylman
New York State Senator
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April 21st, 2016

Dear Friends:

Congratulations and best wishes to everyone celebrating 100 years of the Women's City Club of New York. Your organization has a proud history of advocating for economic justice, equal opportunities, and safe communities for all New York City residents.

This year at the annual *Civic Spirit Awards Dinner*, the Women's City Club is honoring outstanding leaders who embody innovation, courage and commitment to the organization's founding vision. The honorees are Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman, and Helen D. Reavis. All of these outstanding women are leaders in their fields in ways that enrich our communities and foster opportunities for all.

It's hard to imagine our city without the remarkable contributions of individuals like these who have helped expose and remove barriers to greater opportunity for New York City residents. Their contributions as individuals and leaders of their organizations have benefitted our community as a whole.

I would like to personally thank each of you who have supported the work of the Women's City Club of New York throughout the years. It is a privilege working with this great organization and their members, whose achievements add so much value to our community.

Sincerely,

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Liz Krueger
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April 21st, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
110 West 40th Street, Suite 102
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Dear Friends,

It is truly a privilege and an honor to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to the Women's City Club of New York as it celebrates its Centennial. Since its foundation, the organization has been at the forefront of the issues affecting our City, and it continues to have an impressive list of outstanding service and achievements.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the honorees of tonight's dinner gala: Maria Cuomo Cole, Chairperson of H.E.L.P. USA., and President Cuomo Cole Productions; Jessica Neuwirth, Founder and President of ERA Coalition, Founder and Director of Donor Direct Action, and Founder Equality Now; Jennifer Buffett, Co-President of NoVo Foundation; Pamela Shifman, Executive Director of NoVo Foundation; and Helen D. Reavis, Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLP.

Congratulations on this historic milestone.

Best wishes for a successful Centennial celebration and Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner!

Sincerely,

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Jose Peralta
New York State Senator, 13th District

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SENATOR ROXANNE J. PERSAUD
19TH SENATE DISTRICT

April 1, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
110 West 40th Street, Suite 1002
New York, New York 10018

Dear Women's City Club of New York:

Congratulations!

It is with great pleasure that I write to commend you on your notable service to the community – "100 Years of Activism." I applaud the club for your aspiration and commitment in seeking to bridge the social, educational and economic gap and effectively advocate for the transformation of the social landscape. Promotion of social justice and community development, visions of empowerment and exemplary direction are the inspirations that you have given to New York State and beyond.

Your goals to improve the quality of life for women and help make dreams become reality have been and continues to be, a beacon of light, a source of strength and a notable guide. The inspiration your organization provides is due in part to its sterling leadership and its steadfast message of hope and enlightenment. Your accomplishments are mirrored by your determination and courage. The Women's City Club of New York's objective to "dismantle the social inequities that deprive citizens of the opportunity to thrive," is a true reflection of your influence, fearlessness and unwavering vision of change and empowerment.

Congratulations to the honorees, Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman and Helen D. ("Heidi") Reavis. Your accomplishments were attained only through diligence and hard work, and the rewards are worth the sacrifice. May you continue your wonderful works and partnerships with Women's City Club of New York for many years to come.

It is my sincere wish that this year's celebration exceeds your high expectations, and it is enjoyable for all. Continue to be a beacon through your vital and selfless contributions. Once again, best wishes and thank you for your steadfastness and devotion in providing quality service and assistance to the citizens of New York and beyond.

Very truly yours,

Roxanne J. Persaud

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April 21st, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens of the 23rd Senatorial District, I would like to congratulate Women's City Club of New York on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary, on the occasion of their Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner, held on this date, the 21st of April, in the year 2016.

I would like to thank Women's City Club of New York for all the great work that you do in our community and your 100 years of activism. Your tireless work has made our city stronger and certainly better, and is greatly appreciated by all of us. Keep up the great work and I wish you continued success in meeting your mission.

I would also like to congratulate those special individuals being honored tonight. They are very special women who have made strong and lasting contributions to our communities and our state, and are very deserving of this honor. I would like to congratulate Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman, Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, and Helen D. ("Heidi") Reavis on being honored here tonight. Thank you so much for your service; it is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed or unrecognized.

Enjoy the Dinner!

Sincerely,

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Diane J. Savino
New York State Senator, 23rd District



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April 21, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
110 West 40th Street, Suite 1002
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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to congratulate you as you celebrate one hundred years of activism and service.

Since its inception, the Women's City Club has fulfilled its mission of engaging women in the life of New York City as well as working for social and political involvement affecting the civic life of all New Yorkers. Your roster of early Club members is an impressive array of visionary and innovative women working for reform and pioneering women's leadership.

I congratulate your honorees: Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett and Pamela Schiffman, and Helen (Heidi) Reavis for their accomplishments. They are examples of the passion, courage, and conviction reminiscent of that of WCC's founders. WCC has remained faithful to that legacy and I hope you continue to work for gender, racial, and economic justice so that everyone may thrive.

I wish you every measure of success as you add to the solid foundation established by your founders. May your members and friends continue the mission set by these visionaries one hundred years ago.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

April 21, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to extend my sincerest greetings as you gather to celebrate the Women's City Club of New York's Centennial at the Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

At a time in America when women were still not permitted to vote, one hundred suffragettes gathered in 1916 to found this organization. They wasted no time embarking on a path toward resolving the complex issues that faced them. Today you are celebrating 100 years of helping women to stay strong while fighting to reduce income inequality, improve public school education and government performance, secure safe and affordable housing, and increase access to quality health care. Just as it was for WCC's founders, you never waiver from your highest priority of game-changing advocacy on issues that most impact all New Yorkers and their lives.

I would like to congratulate tonight's honorees who are being recognized for their leadership and dedication, joining them with the many other outstanding women associated with WCC including Eleanor Roosevelt, Frances Perkins and Virginia Gildersleeve. They are: Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair, HELP USA and President, Cuomo Cole Productions; Jessica Neuwirth, Founder/President, ERA Coalition; Founder/Director, Donor Direct Action and Founder, Equality Now; Jennifer Buffett, Co-President and Pamela Shifman, Executive Director, NoVo Foundation; and Helen Reavis, Managing Partner, Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLC.

Again, congratulations to tonight's honorees and best wishes to the Women's City Club of New York as you celebrate your Centennial.

Sincerely,

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CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker



JAMES F. BRENNAN
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March 29, 2016

Dear Women's City Club of New York Supporters,

With great pleasure I send my congratulations on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of The Women's City Club of New York. I celebrate all Women's City Club activists, past and present, who have shaped public policy through education, issue analysis, advocacy and civic participation. Furthermore, I applaud the leadership and staff of the Women's City Club in the tireless effort to ensure economic, racial, and gender justice for all New Yorkers.

In particular, I recognize the tremendous service of this year's honorees:

Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair, H.E.L.P., USA; President, Cuomo Cole Productions

Jessica Neuwirth, Founder/President, ERA Coalition; Founder/Director, Donor Direct Action; Founder, Equality Now

Jennifer Buffett, Co-President, NoVo Foundation

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Helen D. ("Heidi") Reavis, Managing Partner, Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLP

I trust that the Women's City Club of New York will continue to play a vital role in our community for many years to come.

Again, thank you and congratulations to you all!

Sincerely,

James F. Brennan
Member of Assembly

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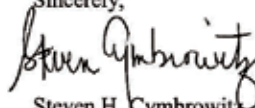
I am honored to extend my best wishes to the members and friends of the Women's City Club of New York on the occasion of this esteemed organization's Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

For the past century, the Women's City Club of New York has enriched the lives of all New Yorkers by shaping public policy through education, advocacy, civic participation and thoughtful analysis of issues that have impacted our residents in the workplace, at home and in greater society. This mission has remained constant as New York City has changed and grown, keeping the organization relevant and incisive in addressing our most urgent concerns, such as civic engagement, housing and education.

I am pleased to congratulate your honorees this year: Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair, H.E.L.P., USA and President, Cuomo Cole Productions; Jessica Neuwirth, Founder/President, ERA Coalition, Founder/Director, Donor Direct Action, and Founder, Equality Now; Jennifer Buffett, Co-President and Pamela Shifman, Executive Director, NoVo Foundation; and Helen D. (Heidi) Reavis, Managing Partner, Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLC.

I wish the Women's City Club of New York continued success as you begin your next century of serving New Yorkers with excellence and distinction.

All the best –

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Women's City Club of New York's centennial celebration of promoting activism, empowering women and serving the next generation of leaders at this year's Civic Spirit Awards.

Since its inception, the Women's City Club of New York has had notable members on its roster including Katharine B. Davis who served as a New York City's Commissioner of Corrections in 1914 to Eleanor Roosevelt who held a distinguished and active role in public policy and was the longest-serving First Lady in the Nation's history.

For years, the Women's City Club of New York has pushed the envelope by influencing public policy and highlighting local issues pertinent to women, and the larger community. The Women's City Club has worked to lift social and economic concerns to the forefront of policy makers' consciousness by advocating for important issues such as higher education, reproductive rights, worker's rights and prison reform.

This year's honorees uphold the virtue of this organization as past generations have. Maria Cuomo Cole's work with the homeless and veterans has been fundamental in aiding our most vulnerable populations; Jessica Neuwirth's work on gender equality has advanced equality of young women and girls; Helen D. Reavis' fight to ensure human rights is critical in creating a safe world for future generations, especially those who have traditionally not had a voice; and Jennifer Buffet and Pamela Shifman's work ensures economic security for women and girls around the world. These women have had lasting impacts on countless individual lives, but are also affecting change for a greater good for everyone. I congratulate each of them on their well-deserved honors at tonight's event.

I hope you will join me in celebrating the great work of the Women's City Club of New York as I extend my warmest wishes to all the guests, volunteers, and honorees. The various women involved in this Club have served the City with distinction, and today we celebrate you.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Glick
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April 21, 2016

Dear Friends at the Women's City Club of New York,

I want to congratulate you on your Centennial which you will be celebrating throughout 2016 and on your Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner. I would like this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and service to our community. This event is just a small testament to the work that the Women's City Club of New York does to help improve the lives of all New Yorkers.

Also, I want to congratulate all the honorees and I look forward to continue working together to help serve the needs of the community as a whole and celebrating our successes in the years to come. I am here working for you 24 hours a day/7days a week. Please feel free to contact me at the office any time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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March 18, 2016

Dear Friends,

The Women's City Club of New York has been an inspiring organization since it was founded over one hundred years ago, empowering individuals to claim their place in American civic life. From the Club's founding amid the fight for women's suffrage to today's work on sex education, the WCC has been an enduring force for good in New York City.

Through their Task Force on Public Housing, the WCC advocates for the living conditions and rights of all New Yorkers. The WCC's Task Force on Community and Workplace Support for Nursing Mothers educates the public on the benefits and challenges of breastfeeding, and works to make this choice more accessible for all mothers. Furthermore, the WCC's focus on connecting those in need to community-based resources not only helps city residents access desperately needed services, but also strengthens important neighborhood bonds.

Tonight's honorees and the Women's City Club of New York are wonderful examples of the civic spirit and leadership needed today and in the future. As a lifelong New Yorker, I am deeply proud to know that I share a birthplace with the WCC—here's to another hundred years of committed service!

Sincerely,

Dan Quart
Assemblymember
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LINDA B. ROSENTHAL
Assemblymember 67th District

April 21, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
110 West 40 Street, Suite 1002
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Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the Women's City Club of New York on achieving the milestone of 100 years of advocacy on the key public policy issues under consideration in New York. Over the past century, the Women's City Club has maintained its role at the forefront of discussions on criminal justice, environmental justice, good government, health, housing and homelessness, income equality and public education.

At this year's Civic Spirit Awards, the Women's City Club is honoring several remarkable women whose achievements have improved lives around the globe. The work of Jennifer Buffet and Pamela Shifmank, the NoVo Foundation's Co-President and Executive Director respectively, has assured that economic security and safety from both violence and hatred are within the grasp of women and girls in all corners of the world. Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair of H.E.L.P. and President of Cuomo Cole Productions has presented films that shed light on sexual assault on college campuses and in the military, voicing survivors' need for our support and understanding. Jessica Neuwirth has founded three organizations establishing worldwide networks dedicated to justice and gender equality. Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Lehrer LLP Helen D. Reavis has brought together legal counsel, advocacy and film, fighting for economic, gender, and racial justice for those without a voice.

The ranks of the Women's City Club of New York have been and will continue to be filled by accomplished women. I know that with them leading the way, the next hundred years are sure to be better and brighter for all.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Rosenthal
Member of the Assembly – 67th AD

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Women's City Club of New York
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April 21, 2016

Dear Visionary Women Leaders:

Congratulations to the members of Women's City Club of New York on its centennial and on a most successful annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner for 2016. WCC's work on behalf of women and families in New York City is a true testament to advocating together for a better society. There is no limit to the positive changes that WCC members will continue to ignite through informed citizen participation.

I commend WCC and its honorees for their unwavering commitment to outstanding public service. This year's honorees are visionaries in their respective fields and work in the same vain as the founders and early members of the WCC, including the likes of Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady of New York State and Frances Perkins, the first woman appointed to the US Cabinet as Secretary of Labor.

It is with great pride that I congratulate the members of WCC and the honorees of the Civic Spirit Awards Dinner for their dedication and service to all New Yorkers.

Best wishes,

Rebecca A. Seawright
Member of Assembly, 76th District



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April 21, 2016



Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Women's City Club of New York's Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner. I am honored to join you in celebrating the Centennial of this outstanding organization.

In 1916, a group of suffragettes founded the Women's City Club of New York to address the complex issues facing women and advocate for public policy change. For the past century, the organization has fought tirelessly to eradicate poverty, improve conditions for working women, and ensure equal opportunities for all. Over the course of its history, the Women's City Club of New York has worked to strengthen labor protections, expand access to health care, reduce barriers to civic participation, and promote women's leadership. Tonight's event is a fitting tribute to the organization's invaluable contributions to women's rights and continued efforts to advance the safety, economic security, and political equality of women in our communities.

It is a privilege to honor tonight's Civic Spirit Award recipients, Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman, and Helen D. Reavis. Throughout their careers, these activists have dedicated themselves to achieving justice for women and girls and combatting violence and discrimination in all its forms. These women truly embody the mission of the Women's City Club of New York, and their commitment to gender equality is well-deserving of recognition.

I commend the Women's City Club of New York for a century of tremendous service. Please accept my sincere congratulations on this impressive milestone, and my heartfelt wishes for your organization's continued success.

Sincerely,

Aravella Simotas
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April 21, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to all who have gathered for the Women's City Club of New York's (WCC) Annual Awards Dinner.

The Women's City Club of New York is a non-profit advocacy organization. WCC helps to shape public policy to promote a responsive government. The work performed by WCC on a daily basis is truly inspirational and touches the lives of so many people. Such service, which is truly the lifeblood of the community and the city, so often goes unrecognized and unrewarded.

As Public Advocate for the City of New York, I would like to extend congratulations to the honorees including *Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffet, Pamela Shifman and Helen D. Reavis.*

I commend those who are supporting this wonderful event.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you!

Sincerely,

Letitia James
Public Advocate for the City of New York



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
SCOTT M. STRINGER



April 21, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
110 West 40th Street
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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend best wishes to all attending the Women's City Club of New York's Centennial Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

For the past century, the Women's City Club of New York has worked to make our City a better place to live. Founded in 1915 by a group of suffragettes to protest poor conditions in garment factories and tenements, WCC has grown over the last 100 years to become a powerful force for social change in New York City. WCC brings together a wide range of non-profits and community organizations to address income inequality, access to health care and the lack of affordable housing in our City. Through a combination of grassroots organizing, advocacy and member-led task forces, WCC's efforts have made a tremendous positive impact on our City throughout the years.

Congratulations to tonight's honorees: Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman, Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, and Helen D. "Heidi" Reavis. Over their many years of dedicated service, these five individuals have changed the lives of countless New Yorkers. Their commitment to helping others is an example for us all.

Once again, thank you to the Women's City Club of New York for bringing us together tonight to celebrate community and service. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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April 21, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
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Dear Friends:

Congratulations on the occasion of your 50th Anniversary Celebration, a time to reflect and be proud of all that the Club and its members have accomplished through the years.

This is a wonderful event offers us a chance to not only raise funds for the organization but also recognize your organization's efforts, improving the lives of all Bronxites and New Yorkers alike by promoting responsive government and shaping public policy through education, issue analysis, advocacy and civic participation.

I offer my most heartfelt congratulations to your honorees: President of Cuomo Cole Productions Maria Cuomo Cole; NoVo Foundation Co-Presidents & Executive Directors Jennifer Buffett and Pamela Shifman; Founder / President of ERA Coalition, Founder / Director of Donor Direct Action and Founder of Equality Now Jessica Neuwirth; and Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Lehrer LLP & Emmy Award Winning Executive Producer Helen D. Reavis.

On behalf of the 1.4 million residents of The Bronx, I salute the Women's City Club of New York, wishing you and your honorees continued success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ruben Diaz Jr.



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ERIC L. ADAMS
President

April 16, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
110 W. 40th Street
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Dear Friends:

Brooklyn has a time-honored tradition of paying tribute to those extraordinary individuals and organizations that greatly contribute to the betterment of our borough and city. I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to the Board of Directors, staff members, volunteers and supporters of the Women's City Club of New York as you gather to host your 2016 Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

The Women's City Club of New York has been a prominent organization dedicated to the importance of citizen participation in the community with a focus on game-changing advocacy of issues that most impact the lives of New Yorkers. I commend the Women's City Club for 100 years of service committed to reducing income inequality, improving government efficiency, improving public school education, increasing access to quality health care, and creating safe, secure and affordable housing for New Yorkers. I join with you to pay tribute to tonight's honorees. The accolades they are receiving distinguish them as truly remarkable.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I salute everyone for all the great work you have done to improve the lives of women, and for your commitment to serve our community-at-large. I congratulate those honorees and distinguished individuals who have generously and selflessly supported the noble mission and work of the Women's City Club of New York. Finally, I thank everyone present for helping us move forward as *One Brooklyn*.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President



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Gale A. Brewer, Borough President

April 21, 2016

Dear Friends:


Congratulations to the Women's City Club of New York on a century of advocacy and education to improve the lives of New York City women! You have been helping women gain the freedom to make their own choices since 1915, and we greatly value your dedicated work to reduce income inequality; improve our public schools; increase government accountability; create safe, secure, and affordable housing; and increase access to quality healthcare.

As you celebrate your 2016 Civic Spirit Awards Dinner, we join you in saluting this year's honorees:

- Maria Cuomo Cole, Chair of H.E.L.P., USA and President of Cuomo Cole Productions
- Jessica Neuwirth, Founder/President of ERA Coalition, Founder/Director of Donor Direct Action, and Founder of Equality Now
- Jennifer Buffett, Co-President of NoVo Foundation
- Pamela Shifman, Executive Director of NoVo Foundation
- Helen D. ("Heidi") Reavis, Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLC

Over the past century, the WCC has helped shape public policy to give all New Yorkers economic stability, equal opportunity, and safe and secure communities to live in. You are a great asset to the borough. Thank you for all you do—and best of luck in the year ahead!

Sincerely,



Gale A. Brewer



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April 21, 2016

Women's City Club of New York (WCC)
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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all the members, friends and supporters of the Women's City Club of New York on the occasion of your annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

This evening's event gives us a great opportunity to celebrate the success the Women's City Club of New York has had in addressing issues of great concern to all New Yorkers, such as health care, affordable housing, poverty, environment and infrastructure, arts and preservation, education and women's issues. The Club has also had much success in cultivating the next generation of women leaders.

Tonight is also a great opportunity to pay tribute to your distinguished honorees, who are being recognized for their significant contributions to the community. On behalf of the 2.3 million residents of Queens, "The World's Borough," I therefore offer our most sincere congratulations to Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman and Helen D. ("Heidi") Reavis.

I hope all in attendance at tonight's Civic Spirit Awards Dinner have an enjoyable evening. I also wish everyone associated with the Women's City Club of New York continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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April 21, 2016

Women's City Club of New York
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Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the many generous supporters of the Women's City Club of New York and offer my congratulations on your Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner during your Centennial year!

I would like to extend my congratulations to today's honorees, Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffet, Pamela Shifman, and Helen D. Reavis. Your support and dedication to helping the lives of women and individuals across New York is greatly applauded.

On behalf of the people of the borough, I'd like to congratulate all of the honorees, and wish the Women's City Club of New York much continued success in all you do for our community.

Very truly yours,

James S. Oddo
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MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
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April 21, 2016

Dear Friends,

Greetings to everyone gathered here tonight at the Women's City Club of New York (WCC)'s Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner!

Community-based nonprofits like WCC are vital to our city in so many ways.

In addition to providing life-saving services to those in need, they also employ thousands of New Yorkers and help keep our communities strong and growing.

They also serve as key allies in our efforts to create a more equal and just New York City, where everyone, regardless of what borough they are from or what zip code they live in, has access to the support and services that they need to move ahead and build better lives for themselves.

As we continue celebrating this historic centennial year, I would like to thank WCC and its dedicated members for the critically important work that they are doing here in our city. Your legacy of service and advocacy on behalf of all New Yorkers has helped to strengthen, shape and uplift our entire city and all those who call it home.

Congratulations as well to all of this year's honorees.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time tonight. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

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Speaker

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March 31, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to congratulate the Women's City Club of New York (WCC) on the occasion of its centennial celebration. I would especially like to salute tonight's honorees for their inspiring work and support of WCC: Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, and Helen D. ("Heidi") Reavis.

Since its establishment in 1916, WCC has worked tirelessly with multi-issue activist organizations to improve the lives of all New Yorkers. To promote responsive government, the WCC shapes public policy through education, issue analysis, advocacy and civic participation. WCC continues to pursue economic, racial, and gender justice for all people. I would like to highlight the WCC's project and policy task force members' role in shaping policy which has helped New Yorkers achieve economic stability, equal opportunity, and has helped them live in safe and secure communities.

As NYC Council Member representing Jackson Heights and Elmhurst, I thank the Women's City Club of New York for the positive impact their work has on NYC, and wish them many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Daniel Dromm
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April 21, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to pay tribute to Women's City Club of New York (WCCNY) on the occasion of its Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner.

For the past century, WCCNY has played a prominent role in promoting civic engagement, economic stability, equal opportunity, public education and affordable housing. WCCNY has a proud history of supporting and nurturing the next generation of women leaders, from Eleanor Roosevelt to Eleanor Piel.

Congratulations to WCCNY for reaching one hundred years of service – we should all be so lucky!

Congratulations to honorees Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman, and Helen D. Reavis, and to all of the guests who have gathered at the event this evening in support of WCCNY.

Sincerely,

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April 21, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is indeed an honor to send greetings to the Women's City Club of New York's (WCC) 2016 Civic Spirit Awards Dinner at the University Club and it is also an honor to congratulate you for over 100 years of excellent service to the community.

Established in 1915, WCC began operating by publishing a brochure in 1916 entitled "Should Women Be Admitted to the Columbia Law School," which captured the attention of many and helped open the doors for women years later. I commend the 100 suffragettes who founded this wonderful and vital organization, which helped pave the way for women, then and now. They fought for countless issues which certainly cannot go unnoticed. I applaud all the members of WCC, past and present for their unwavering commitment.

I would also like to congratulate this evening's honorees: **Jennifer Buffett**, Co-President and **Pamela Shifman**, Executive Director of the NoVo Foundation, **Maria Cuomo Cole**, Chair of H.E.L.P., USA and President, Cuomo Cole Productions, **Jessica Neuwirth**, Founder of ERA Coalition, Donor Direct Action and Equality Now and **Helen D. Reavis**, Managing Partner, Reavis Parent Lehrer LLP, all of whom are recipients of the 2016 Civic Spirit Award.

I wish you all a wonderful evening and I would like to thank the Women's City Club of New York for over a century of accomplishments and service to all New Yorkers and for their continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



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April 21, 2016

Dear Friends,

It is my distinct pleasure to extend my welcome to all in attendance at the Women's City Club of New York's Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner. For one hundred years, the WCC has been an influential force in shaping public policy that benefits the lives of all New Yorkers.

This year's Civic Spirit Awards honorees are women committed to improving our world through their tireless efforts. Our profound appreciation to Jennifer Buffett, Pamela Shifman, Maria Cuomo Cole, Jessica Neuwirth, and Helen D. "Heidi" Reavis. Your passion and devotion to advocating for others and creating changes that matter are an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations to President Annette Choolfaian, Executive Director Jacqueline M. Ebanks, and to your members and staff on your continuing accomplishments and best wishes for future success. To all those participating in tonight's event, thank you for your support and have a great time.

Very truly yours,

Karen Koslowitz
Council Member

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April 21st, 2016

Dear Women's City Club of New York,

It is an honor to congratulate you on the Annual Civic Spirit Awards Dinner. The Women's City Club of New York ("WCC") has been doing the work needed to empower women since 1915. WCC has been at the forefront addressing issues such as health care, affordable housing, poverty, and education. These are issues that New Yorkers care about and are deeply impacted by.

I would also like to congratulate this year's honorees: **Maria Cuomo Cole**, Chair of H.E.L.P., USA and President of Cuomo Cole Productions; **Jessica Neuwirth**, Founder / President of ERA Coalition; Founder / Director, Donor Direct Action, and Founder, Equality Now; **Jennifer Buffett**, Co-President and **Pamela Shifman**, Executive Director of NoVo Foundation; and **Helen D. ("Heidi") Reavis**, Managing Partner of Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLP.

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work.

Warm regards,

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Dear Guests of the Annual Civic Spirits Award Dinner:

I would like to congratulate the Women's City Club (WCC) of New York on their Annual Civic Spirits Award Dinner.

Over 100 years ago, a group of ambitious women set out to improve the quality of life in New York City. They recruited women from all over the city and encouraged them to advocate for their rights and other civil issues. From the beginning, these trailblazers were intent on reform, and gave us the blueprint on how to improve social and economic conditions for all.

Today, WCC continues to champion the battle against economic and gender injustices through their task force initiatives, that have significantly impacted public policy. As they relentlessly break down these barriers, new possibilities are arising that offer New Yorkers a chance to succeed.

It is my absolute pleasure to continue to support such an outstanding organization, and I look forward to working together to address the many needs of our city.

Again, congratulations on celebrating 100 years of strong advocacy.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Women's City Club of New York on their centennial anniversary. This tremendous milestone would not be possible without the commitment of its visionary leaders and dedicated members.

WCC occupies a prominent place in the storied history of NY finding its roots in the suffragette movement at the turn of the 20th century. Throughout WCCNY's 100 years of service, the WCCNY has worked to cultivate the next generation of women leaders focused on increasing awareness and advancing the interest of all New Yorkers.

From your ranks sprang leaders such as Katherine B. Davis, first woman to hold a top New York City government office as NYC Commissioner of Corrections in 1914; Ms. Ida Tarbell a pioneer investigative journalist; and Frances Perkins, the first woman to be appointed to the US Cabinet and the longest serving United States Secretary of Labor. The achievements of these great women and subsequent WCCNY leaders have served to improve our great city and continue to leave an indelible mark on our great State.

This year, you have chosen to honor remarkable individuals who embody the work of the Women's City Club of New York. I wish to join WCC in congratulating: **Maria Cuomo Cole**, President and Chair of HELP USA; **Jessica Neuwirth**, Founder/President of ERA Coalition; Founder/Director, Donor Direct Action, and Founder, Equality Now, **Jennifer Buffett** Co-President, NoVo Foundation, **Pamela Shifman**, Executive Director, NoVo Foundation and **Helen D. Reavis**, Managing Partner, Reavis Parent Lehrer, LLP. Your commitment to empowering women and civic engagement deserves the highest recognition.

Congratulations once again and thank you for making a difference in the lives of all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

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ABOUT WCC

Founded by suffragists in 1915, Women's City Club (WCC) is a non-profit, non-partisan, multi-issue activist organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers. WCC works to shape public policy to promote responsive government through education, issue analysis, advocacy and civic participation.

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