

Women's Diversity Network

presents:

Radiant Renaissance: a MET Gala Inspired Cocktail Benefit

Sunday, September 8, 2024

5:00 - 9:00 PM

The Lannin

Eisenhower Park

East Meadow, NY 11554



Land Acknowledgement

Adapted from Dr. Melina Abdullah

We acknowledge the land we inhabit is the ancestral homelands of First Nation peoples. We pay respect to all Indigenous people past, present, and future for their continued presence on their homeland and for their diaspora.

We pay homage to people stolen from Africa, placed in bondage, and called “slaves,” who never submitted and were always fully human. We pay respect to their unbroken connection to the divine and each other — and for their still unpaid labor.

To both our Indigenous and African forebears, we commit to the struggle for liberation and reparations.





Who We Are:

The Women's Diversity Network (WDN) connects and mobilizes women and gender-expansive people of different backgrounds to create positive change through unity and collective work.

The goals of the WDN are:

- Educating our communities about issues and policies that challenge our unity
- Advocating collectively to breakdown barriers for improved inclusion and advocacy for all
- Celebrating our diverse backgrounds

In order for us to realize these goals, the WDN engages in activities, creates events and promotes actions that:

- Identify and provide services needed by women and their families
- Investigate and research issues of concern to women and their families
- Advocate for public policies at all levels of government that address women's issues



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About Us:

Founded by Shanequa Levin, WDN is based on Long Island, NY.

Our mission is to dismantle cultural and racial barriers that hinder collective progress and to champion diversity, inclusion, and equity for women of color and other vulnerable communities.

In a world where diversity, equity, inclusion, and advocacy (DEIA) are paramount, the Women's Diversity Network (WDN) emerges as a powerful force for justice, leading the charge in uniting women and gender-expansive individuals from all walks of life to tackle DEIA challenges head-on.

With a holistic focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility, WDN is not just an organization but a movement, creating an empowering culture that actively addresses critical issues of race, health, gender, and wealth equity through innovative programming and bold advocacy.

United across age, race, socio-economic status, culture, gender, and sexual orientation, WDN's diverse team of staff, board members, and leaders stands as a vanguard for equity. Through educational initiatives and advocacy campaigns designed to break down barriers, WDN fosters understanding and empathy, driving change through impactful workshops, discussions, and presentations.

The Women's Diversity Network is a beacon of unity and transformation, dedicated to shaping a future where justice and equity are within reach for all. As one of the most diverse organizations on Long Island, with a growing presence in Georgia, WDN is not just leading the conversation—it's redefining it.



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More About Us:

Through initiatives like the Maternal Justice Coalition combating racial disparities in maternal care and the Wealth Equity Fellowship empowering Black and Latina women and gender-expansive individuals economically, WDN demonstrates its commitment to health and economic equity.

Additionally, coalitions like LI United to Transform Policing and Community Safety advocate for genuine public safety, uniting diverse voices toward a common goal.

WDN is dedicated to uniting organizations and community members, fostering a cohesive sisterhood to drive positive transformation.

We identify and provide services needed by women, children, and families, identify and research issues of concern to women, and champion public policies addressing these issues.

We work to dismantle inequalities in health, wealth, gender, and race through five programs: WDN Leadership Team, Maternal Justice Coalition, Youth Justice Leadership Program, LI United To Transform Policing and Safety Coalition, and the Wealth Equity Fellowship.

In just seven years, we've made significant strides, pioneering change and reshaping systems on Long Island. While many organizations share similar objectives, they often operate in isolation. Uniquely, WDN bridges the gap, bringing together women and gender-expansive individuals from various sectors, including nonprofit, faith-based, business, and academia. Together, we strategize ways to dismantle cultural and racial obstacles hindering collective action.

Our efforts are paving the way for equity and making our communities more inclusive. From grassroots efforts to boardroom strategies, and operating on principles of unity and collective action, WDN catalyzes positive change, proving through its programs and initiatives that a more equitable and inclusive society is achievable.





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Event Program:

5:00 PM

Red Carpet Arrivals

5:00 - 6:00 PM- Atrium

Cocktail Reception

5:30 - 6:30 PM- Atrium & Ballroom

Cocktail Reception

6:30 PM- Ballroom

Welcome Remarks

Award Presentation

Fashion Show

Musical Performances (Versus)

8:30 - 9:00 PM- Ballroom

Dance Party

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Honoree

Sol Marie Alfonso -
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Sol Marie Alfonso - Jones

Sol Marie joined New York Community Trust-Long Island in 2009. She manages competitive grant-making programs on Long Island in the areas of education, youth development, and community and economic development.

With 30+ years of experience, Sol Marie leads strategic initiatives to ensure an accurate census count, develop regional solutions to racial/economic inequities, advance affordable housing, and support an inclusive and representative democracy. Previously, she worked at Sustainable Long Island, the Fight for Families Coalition, Sponsors for Educational Opportunity, and in Governor Mario Cuomo's Office of Hispanic Affairs.

Sol Marie is an adjunct professor at Stony Brook University's School of Social Welfare. She is co-chair of Engage New York, chair of the Funders Census Initiative, a board member of the Regional Plan Association and the Funders Committee for Civic Participation, and a member of the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council and the Long Island Continuum of Care Governance Board.

She received a BA from the University of Rochester and is a member of the Energeia Partnership's class of 2011.

Honoree

Josephine Hall

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Josephine Hall

Josephine is an elementary level English as a New Language teacher. She has dedicated her career to teaching English Language Arts to students whose first language is not English. She has worked on Long Island for over 18 years. Josephine is a graduate of Hofstra University with a M.S. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and The Pennsylvania State University with a B.A. in Psychology. She is married to Dr. Brian Hall and she is the mother of 3 beautiful children, Peyton, Dylan and Brian. She is also a Co-Founder of We are Just Write.

Josephine is a facilitator of the Youth Justice Leadership Program for the Women's Diversity Network. We Are Just Write worked as curriculum developers and educators, designing and implementing a transformative 7-month program aimed at empowering teenagers to develop civic agency through history, literacy, and service while focusing on diversity through a justice lens.

Currently, Josephine serves as the 2nd Vice-President of The Mother's Club of Wheatley Heights Inc. In this role, she plans superior programming for the children of the members and ensures communication between members and the local school district.

Josephine is also a member of Jack and Jill of America Inc., Suffolk County chapter. She held numerous positions including Gavel Club Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Technology Chair and Fundraising Chair. All of these positions were instrumental in developing her skills to organize and plan activities that benefit children.

It is through this work and teaching, that Josephine understands the asset students are to their own development. She loves those moments when students grasp difficult concepts or learn something new. Their curiosity drives her instruction whether they are learning in person or virtually. She believes we must actively engage our youth by listening to and learning from them. Through her life's work as a teacher and a member of various organizations, Josie hopes to continue her work in guiding our youth to connect to their individual selves thereby increasing their self-worth.

Honoree

Uzma Syed

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Uzma Syed, DO

Dr Uzma is a TEDx speaker, author, leader, and an Infectious Diseases & Global health expert who speaks in media and conferences on both a national and global scale. She has led during the COVID-19 pandemic in her medical field, health system, local community and for the broad Muslim American and South Asian community as the Infectious Disease expert on the National Muslim COVID-19 Task Force. Dr Syed is a fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, graduate of the IDSA leadership institute, the Chief of Infectious Diseases, the medical director of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence and was the Chair of the COVID-19 Task Force at Good Samaritan University Hospital. She is also the President/Partner of South Shore Infectious Diseases & Travel medicine consultants.

Dr Syed has collaborated with WHO for pandemic preparedness for respiratory pathogens. She is also a partner with the UN and quadripartite organizations for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). She has worked with the Biden administration to promote vaccine and health equity as an executive member of faiths4vaccines and has partnered with USAID for global vaccine outreach. She is passionate about education and mentorship and is the founder/CEO of Align Us a youth career mentorship organization. She also founded and leads The Eid Holiday Coalition which provides resources and tools for communities to obtain Eid Holidays in schools across the nation.

Dr Syed has been recognized as a trailblazer by many local, state and national organizations for her work including the prestigious national muslim woman leadership award in the company of her excellency Emine Erdogan, the first lady of Turkiye. As well as being named Equality X top 50 Influential Muslims in America. Her humanitarian work has spanned from refugee resettlements to soup kitchens and toy drives.

Honoree

Bernice Baronville
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Bernice Baronville Jaboin, RN

Bernice has been in the healthcare field for the past 10 years.

She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Western Governors University. Her career as a registered nurse has been primarily community-oriented and includes various nursing experiences such as community nurse outreach, nurse care coordinator, nurse educator, Med-Surg, and rehabilitation.

Bernice strongly believes in preventive care and is passionate about community health and the well-being of the communities.

She has been working at Harmony Healthcare Long Island since 2016 and has held different positions within the organization, especially in the population health department.

She has helped with different projects aimed at improving the health of the community. In her most recent position, she managed the CDBG/SEAL program; a nursing outreach initiative that aimed to provide care to patients in the comfort of their home with the goal of promoting community health and the prevention of complications in chronic conditions.

Bernice currently serves as the supervisor and coordinator of the Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaborative (PICHC) program, a DOH grant to help improve maternal health and poor birth outcomes in Nassau County communities.

Honoree

✦ Renee Hagler ✦

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Renee Hagler

Renee is an effective and passionate non-profit leader whose passion is empowering girls everywhere. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Girls Inc. of Long Island where she inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

Her proven track record in organizational growth and sustainability speaks for itself, with both programmatic and revenue growth year over year.

She is an experienced business strategist, an award-winning writer, adjunct professor, and speaker who is passionate about encouraging women and youth to pursue their passion and purpose.

Honoree

Vanessa Baird -
Streeter



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Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Vanessa attended Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a double major in Economics and Education.

Vanessa has served as the Director of the Venettes Cultural Workshop, CEO of VBS Hair Collection and most recently served as the first woman of color to hold the position of Suffolk County Deputy County Executive (DCE). As of February 5, 2024, Vanessa serves as the President and CEO of the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island.

In the role of Deputy County Executive, Vanessa oversaw a wide variety of County agencies, projects, and initiatives: Community Based Intervention, Language Access operations, the Department of Labor Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Traffic and Parking Violations Bureau, an early education pilot entitled; Smart Start Suffolk that focussed on the social emotional development children 0-5 years of age, their families and community, and, the Suffolk County Department of Human Services which housed the Youth Bureau, Women's Services, the Offices of Minority Affairs, Aging, and Veterans Services. Additionally, Vanessa served as one of the County's Police Accountability Liaisons and led the County's MWBE/SDVOB (Minority, Women, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned businesses) Disparity Study aimed at providing the legal framework for establishing MWBE/SVDOB requirements as part of the County's procurement process.

In September 2020, County Executive Bellone appointed Vanessa to serve as chair of the Suffolk County Police Reform and Reinvention Task Force leading the effort of Reform and Reinvention of the Suffolk County Police Department.

Very early on during the COVID 19 pandemic, Vanessa led the effort of creating hot spot testing sites in underserved and under resourced communities to ensure residents had access to testing, guidelines, resources and assistance. This initiative helped to stem the spread of COVID 19 and ensure the health and safety of the County's most vulnerable populations.

Being of service to others is the motto Vanessa lives by which was inspired by her parents, Venice and Mary Baird. She has been married for 31 years to Elston Streeter and is the proud parent of Dallas Anthony Streeter, a graduate of Howard University.

Vanessa is a member of the Long Island Power Authority Board of Trustees, Associate Member of Jill of America-Suffolk County Chapter and has served as Chaplain and Scholarship Chair, founding member of 100 Black Women, Inc.-Suffolk County Chapter, former member of 100 Black Women Long Island Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., former member of the Mother's Club of Wheatley Heights, and Board Member of Help Me Grow Long Island.

Vanessa serves as the Vice Chair of the Wyandanch Plaza Association, where she implements and supports programming for the youth of the communities inclusive of Summer Reading Around the Plaza, collection of toys for community families, support of Thanksgiving baskets and year round programming. Vanessa served as the Chair and member of the Wyandanch Community Engagement Team, created while the district was in Superintendent's receivership, ensuring that the community was included in the process of improving the academic achievements of students.

Honoree

Lauren Perry & The
Ladies of National Grid



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Lauren Perry

As Public and External Affairs Manager, Lauren serves as the local face of National Grid. Lauren drives public relations activities in support of business goals, and advocates for the needs and interests of the communities and customers National Grid serves. Lauren develops and sustains strong relationships with key customers and community organizations by listening, responding, and supporting individual needs. Lauren is committed to informing and educating customers and communities about National Grid's dedication to clean energy and increasing awareness of and participation in important energy programs and initiatives.

In previous positions at National Grid, Lauren was Community Relations Manager for Long Island and New York City overseeing the community relations process including charitable donations, corporate sponsorships, and was a principal architect National Grid's award-winning employee volunteer program.

Lauren received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from SUNY Oswego and graduated from various leadership programs such as the National Gas Association, Stony Brook Center for Corporate Education Women in STEM, Leading with Edge and Leadership Huntington. She serves on the Boards of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce and Moonjumpers Charitable Foundation. Lauren was recognized as one of Long Island's Top 50 Women in Business by Long Island Business News in 2023.



Congratulations Vanessa Baird-Streeter

*President & CEO, Health and Welfare Council of Long Island
Director, Venettes Cultural Workshop, Inc CFO, PJS for the Culture*



**Congratulations to the
Women's Diversity Network
and to all of the honorees for your tireless
work to uplift and empower communities.
We salute you!**



**We are proud to support the Women's Diversity Network
and are inspired by their mission to educate, advocate, and celebrate
diverse backgrounds while creating a more inclusive future.**

**We congratulate Vanessa Baird-Streeter
on being named a 2024 Radiant Renaissance Honoree.**



Featured Designers

Brooklyn Ramos

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Brooklyn was born in the borough that bares his name! He is a fashion designer and Latin recording artist, who has a unique style and personality that matches his artistry. He joins us today to bring down the house and celebrate in being authentically ourselves!

Andrea Davis

Momentous Fashion

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Andrea Antoinette is from New York. She is a Plus-size Published Model, Brand Ambassador, Run Way, Editorial Print, and Commercial Model. She is also a Fashion Designer. Andrea has her Own Curve Brand by The name of, Momentous Fashion LLC.

She is very passionate about her career and has been in the industry for 8 years. Andrea truly has a passion to help inspire and empower the younger generation. She enjoys advocating for Self Love for other beautiful full figured women.

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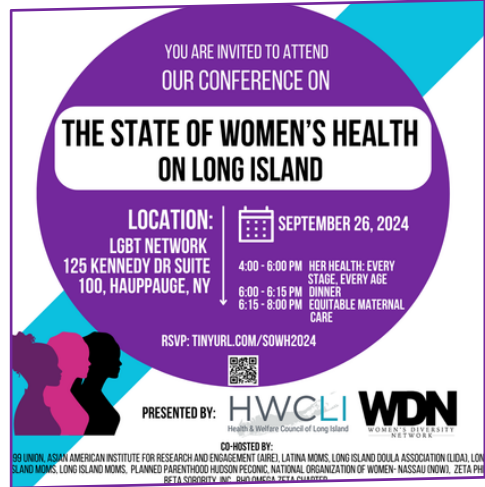
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