



November 5th Media Opportunity

More than 700 women and men who are dedicated to bettering the lives of Long Island's women and girls will gather at the Crest Hollow Country Club on Wednesday, November 5th for the 14th Annual "**Women Achievers Against the Odds Breakfast**". This event celebrates the **Long Island Fund For Women & Girls**, the region's philanthropic organization that raises money to benefit women's programs. The funds' lead sponsors include The Roslyn Savings Foundation (Presenting Sponsor), Cablevision Systems Corporation, Citibank NA, and Lilo and Gerard Leeds (Premier Sponsors).

Grant Awards

A total of \$149,940 will be awarded to twenty-three community organizations island-wide to support programs that address the health, social and education issues that are most challenging to our women and girls.

Initiatives that will receive funding of up to \$10,000 each include:

- ◆ An expansion of a previous grantee's Gear-Up program to provide underserved, at-risk girls with the opportunity to explore science through original research projects, hands-on activities, and interaction with "guest scientist" mentors in the Rockville Centre community.
- ◆ A program to assist women and girls on the East End of Long Island who are experiencing a financial crisis and for whom no other assistance is available.
- ◆ To educate and empower school-age girls in the William Floyd School District to function at their optimum level and to make healthy and productive choices through their associations and behaviors.
- ◆ To continue and expand "The T.E.E.N. Connection Program," designed to enhance the skills and abilities of girls, particularly those necessary for leadership, positive self-image and increased earning power in South Fork of Long Island communities.
- ◆ To create a Teen Girls Support Group in Nassau and Suffolk counties for girls who suffer from Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.
- ◆ An initiative to improve the lives of incarcerated women by holding a series of forums, mini-courses, readings, and multi-media presentations targeted to reach those in the system who most impact the lives of incarcerated women, as well as the general public.

.... And many other programs that address issues of importance to women and girls.

Four extraordinary women will be honored as role models because of their achievements against the odds:

- **Angela Susan Anton**- CEO & Publisher Anton Media Group
- **Lillian McCormick**- Co-Founder Women on the Job
- **Helena Williams**- President MTA Long Island Railroad LIRR
- **Janet Sung**- Senior, Roslyn High School as our Young Woman Achiever for Excellence in Visual Arts

We are also pleased to have Newsday Columnist, **Patricia Kitchen** join us as our Presenter.

Interview Opportunities:

- "Achievers Against the Odds" Winners.
- 23 Grant awardees who represent the cutting edge of women's issues on Long Island
- Hundreds of participating men and women who are Long Island's leaders in business, the professions and non-profit agencies.

Location/Time: **Wednesday, November 5, 2008 - 8 to 10 am**
Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury

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