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REMARKS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Claire Green-Forde, LCSW
Executive Director, NASW-NYC

“There are opportunities even in the most difficult times”- Wangari Maathai

Dear NASW-NYC,

This year has undoubtedly been filled with many changes and new realities. This sentiment has grown too true for many of us and has been repeated for what now seems to be a lifetime in the past eight months. The recognition of the challenges and difficulties we are all facing has been shared across every sector imaginable, echoed in homes, businesses, and houses of worship. The fact is, we are tired, we are unsure of tomorrow, and we are overwhelmed. And yet, we are recognizing that as we face so many challenges, we can be hopeful, we have become stronger, and we are resilient! Despite the many challenges, we know that there are so many opportunities and areas that social workers are needed, are impactful, and are making a difference.

SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL!

2020 has created no shortage of the need for advocacy and for the social work profession to reflect inwardly on our role in contributing to systems of help and harm. We are reckoning with racism in and outside of our profession and we are witnessing on a larger scale, the result of long ignored isms that continue to harm the communities we serve. We are being called to be better, to reflect, to grow, and to embody our Code of Ethics. This is an **opportunity for social workers to lead the charge and show our strength.**

We’ve seen so many calls for social workers to step up in the past few months and at the same time, social workers have **never** needed the call to go out to respond to the need. Social workers have been on the frontlines of every major social justice, health, and human rights crisis from the inception of our profession. We’ve been standing up for those who are oppressed, those who are marginalized, those in need of support, housing, behavioral health, and advocacy. We’ve championed legislation to support the needs of individuals, stood up against racism and social injustice, and we have continued to sound the alarm about the need for equity and access for services.

And while we’ve done all of this, I want to remind you that as much as **YOU are needed, YOU are deserving** of all of the care, love, and support that you can hold because while social workers are healers, **social workers need healing too.** We need to have wellness breaks. We need to find joy and hold on to it. We need to accept the limits of our humanity, plug out, and be well enough to continue the fight for justice. There is so much work ahead and as much as I will tell you that the world needs you and that NASW-NYC needs your partnership more than ever if we are to survive, I must tell you that your survival, you thriving, and you being whole, is more important than anything else. We so often have to lend our healthy ego to help others but we can’t lend one if we don’t have it to give. In these difficult times, please take (or create) every opportunity to nurture your soul, support your health, and focus on you. It’s ok to be selfish so that you can continue to be selfless. The world **NEEDS** social workers. The world needs **YOU!** And we need you to be the best version of yourself so that you can give that to the many clients and causes that you support.

Thank you for all that you do. Your life and the gift you carry inside of you continues to make a difference. **ALWAYS** remember how precious and valuable **YOU** are! Thank you all for being the epitome of service and for your dedication to making the world a better place - one person, one family, and one community at a time.

In solidarity and with deep appreciation,

Dr. Claire Green-Forde, LCSW

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TOURO AND NASW-NYC: DOING GOOD DEEDS SIDE, BY SIDE, BY SIDE “WE MUST NOT DESPAIR”

Dr. Steven Huberman

Founding and Current Dean, Touro College Graduate School of Social Work and Former President, New York State Association of Deans of Schools of Social Work



Touro College Graduate School of Social Work is honored to receive the inaugural “Social Work School of the Year” award. We are humbled, and grateful for this acknowledgement of our commitment to social justice exhibited through our teaching, clinical excellence, and advocacy for social workers and their clients everywhere.

When Touro’s social work school was founded in 2006 with just 35 students, our vision was to fulfill a mandate espoused by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others who demanded equality and justice for all. We joined a packed cohort here in NYC, determined to serve a diverse community that welcomed every faith, age, and ethnicity. We would be diverse but we would do good deeds - side, by side, by side. We built ties and worked together for justice beyond our own institutions, and educated our students to confront issues head on.

Today, Touro’s Graduate School of Social Work has over 300 students and 1,000 alumni, who are proudly helping us celebrate this award. But we are not stopping because we believe everyone deserves a chance no matter who they are, and we are committed to pursuing that chance. To help, the federal government and others have awarded Touro social work \$7 million in grants for scholarships and training to assist the very poor in NYC – the most vulnerable among us – including those suffering from addictions.

Touro has achieved excellence in three specializations: mental illness, military veterans, and aging. Students do fieldwork across New York and New Jersey with the elderly, the homeless and victims of domestic violence. Our students travel to Albany and Washington, D.C. together every year with NASW. They proudly wear buttons reading, “We are Social Workers!” They have mobilized to win millions of dollars for student loan forgiveness, and in NYC, helped count the homeless every winter for years.

In looking back, several lessons have been learned that are critical to keep in mind going forward. First, social workers need an overarching vision. We also need outstanding partners and quality relationships, which the NASW affords us the opportunity to develop and enjoy. Also, we need to “make good trouble” – as Rep. John Lewis liked to say – but in doing so, we need to focus on just a few issues, and work nonviolently to confront and deal with those issues. Lastly, we need to remember that social work truly matters!

These days “despair” is a word we see and hear often, but we must not despair during this pandemic. When asked for an antidote, I encourage people to help others, and also to get out at least twice a week. Enjoy nature. Go to a park. I’m not able to make my favorite trips to Atlanta or Washington, D.C. to visit memorials to Dr. King right now; however, I do make time to go to a park in my neighborhood of Teaneck, N.J. to admire a seven foot bronze statue of him. I look at the quotations about social justice that adorn the statue for inspiration. He said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Like Dr. King, we will never sleep and never stop until we have justice for everyone.

Congratulations to NASW-NYC, with whom we are delighted to partner in serving the community for many more years. We salute you and every social worker because, again to quote Dr. King, “We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.”



“...we need to remember that social work truly matters! “



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Roy Kearse, LCSW, CASAC

VP of Recovery Services and Community Partnerships, Samaritan Village

NASW-NYC 2020 Diamond Leadership Awardee



In life, we frequently experience events that we later recall as memorable. This is either because of the negative feeling(s) derived from the experience, or because of the overwhelming positive feeling(s) remembered.

Thursday October 8th, 2020 was a memorable date for me in the best of ways. During NASW-NYC 13th Annual Leadership Awards Gala which was held virtually this year, I received NASW-NYC's highest honor - the Diamond Leadership award, in recognition of my years of serve to our profession and the communities I serve.

Why was this so impactful? To understand that, journey back with me 40 years ago to 1980.

In 1980, a young homeless high school dropout, who was a 28 year old African American with a criminal history and who was living with drug addiction, found himself entering a residential drug treatment after having completed a detox program, which was preceded by a suicide attempt!

This young man, with the help of a multi-disciplinary clinical team that included professional social workers, would go on to earn his G.E.D., get a job, get his Associates, Bachelors, and finally, a Master's degree in Social Work from Fordham University!

The journey was not easy however, when I began my rehabilitation, I was driven by the fact that I could not go any lower and the only place to go was up! While working as a program director, after treatment, at the educational alliance on the lower eastside, I decided that I needed a Master's degree.

Why a Master's degree? Because no one else in my family's history had ever achieved a Master's degree. With that in mind, I sat down and wrote a letter to the board of directors asking for help. They, in turn, formed a collective and each donated \$1000.00 to help pay for my tuition to Fordham University so that my dream could be realized. I will never forget this kindness and the power of believing in others. Their support, much like the support social workers give to individuals, families, and communities every day, helped to change the trajectory of my life.

After receiving my MSW, I had the honor to participate in some important and ground breaking community service and advocacy work where I have been able to give back and work on behalf of many communities. These opportunities include serving as Vice President of Samaritan Daytop Village, being the President of the Association of Substance Abuse Providers (ASAP), serving on the Governor's Advisory Council on Behavioral Health, serving as Board President of Faith Mission, and serving as Vice President of the NASW-NYC Board of Directors. In addition to these amazing opportunities, I've had the privilege to participate in Treatment communities of America (TCA), the Behavioral Health Coalition, serve as a deacon in my community church, and participate in the prison ministry at the East Meadows jail in Long Island, NY.

I am happily married with five children, and two great grandchildren. As I write this message, my two youngest twin daughters are just about to graduate from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, which is among the state's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). They can carry on the legacy. As you can see, my story is unique to me and yet so many, through the power of love, compassion, support, and social work, have been able to change their lives as well. I have the privilege to help change lives every day. After the journey I've had, receiving the NASW-NYC Diamond Leadership award is incredible special and an honor I will cherish for a lifetime.

"I have literally gone from Park bench to Park Avenue."

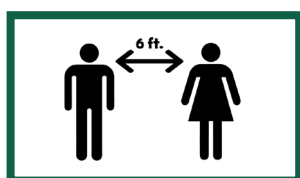
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REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Erica Sandoval, LCSW

President, NASW-NYC Board of Directors

Credit to: **Hannah Ellerbeck**, NASW-NYC MSW Intern



For this article, I was asked as the President of the NASW-NYC Board of Directors to reflect on 2020 and beyond. It has been an interesting year to say the least. The most used words have been *unprecedented, pivot, COVID, remote learning, remote working, face mask, social distancing, quarantine, symptoms, outbreak, unemployment, woke, and truth*. How do we begin to digest all of this? We as social workers have not had a chance to process.

Social workers have been in survival mode. We are all living the same experience together, but are we really? I don't think so. This pandemic has magnified disparities across our communities. Our vulnerable populations continue to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Our BIPOC clients continue to experience racial trauma and we as social workers are feeling it too. Whether we are in health care, a community-based clinic, a school, a mental health clinic, a nonprofit, or in private practice, we are in it with stressed and oppressed communities.

Social determinants and social circumstances are contributing factors to health inequity for many and it becomes a vicious cycle as the mental health of our communities continue to be at risk. So, what is our role as social workers? We are essential beings that provide a healing space for many. We are needed and sought after by many agencies and organizations. We are burning out and we are fatigued. We are questioning our work and wondering, "Are we making a difference?" All while grieving ourselves. Some of us have lost family, friends, jobs, relationships, and trust in multiple systems, even in each other. How can we heal?

As I look at 2020 and beyond, I see some light at the end of this dark tunnel. I have hope and I want to invite all to come together and share as we begin to heal. It has not been easy leading as the new Board President of NASW-NYC as there have been many obstacles in the way. The mere fact that I cannot meet you in person is the most challenging. To be in the same room with you and share in conversations, grab a cup of coffee, and walk together without a mask seems like a dream. For that very reason, I helped create the **B.O.L.D. (Building, Organizing, and Leading with Diversity)** Committee, a collective of trauma-informed Black, Brown, and allied social workers dedicated to building power for ourselves and within our communities.

Our B.O.L.D. talks, held every other month, create accountable spaces for social workers to have open and honest conversations about racial injustice across a variety of systems and institutions. In September, we held our first talk about systemic racism in Social Work. Our November talk highlighted ways we can engage politically to dismantle structural oppression as we transition to a Biden-Harris presidency. Future talks will center on injustices in immigration, the criminal justice system, and the environment.

In addition to the talks, we have also implemented B.O.L.D. Continuing Education (CE) programming in order to provide antiracist trainings. We currently have CE's open for registration. Our first program starting in December 2020, is entitled "Understanding the Role of Racial Affinity Groups in Undoing Systems of Oppression" ([Register here!](#)) And our second, which was held on November 24th, 2020, explored "Political Agency" and provided social workers with tools to empower their communities and clients' political advocacy while amplifying their own voices. ([Info here!](#))

In creating the B.O.L.D. committee, it was important to me that we partner with schools of social work to encourage students—our next generation of social workers—to participate in these necessary and timely conversations. I am proud to be a SIFI instructor to two incredible interns from NYU Silver, Hannah Ellerbeck and Sophie Miles. I am also thrilled to celebrate our NASW-NYC pioneers by creating the Past President's Circle Committee. Here, we will support the history of this membership organization and learn from the legacies of our past presidents. By joining together our past, present, and future social work leaders, I hope to be able to heal and rejuvenate, while continuing the work to further social justice in 2020 and beyond. It is in this work and more that I can experience hope about 2020 and beyond. I wish you and all your loved ones one well as we transition to the holiday season.

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Sharon Ife Charles-Hewitt

Director of People and Culture, Center for Court Innovation



A pandemic, quarantining, social isolation, and COVID-19 are the reasons we are crying for HELP!!! People around the world are experiencing mental, emotional, psychological, and physical concerns; and for some, even death.

Doctors, nurses, firefighters, and the police have been deemed the essential frontline workers over the last nine months. They are the obvious choice when we need assistance. However, I have come to understand that this pandemic highlights the importance for the profound need of the essential, Social Worker. They are organized, intelligent, able to empathize, and are non judgmental in their service to others.

As the United States becomes increasingly racial, ethnically, and culturally diverse, and with many individuals facing health disparities and inequitable access to quality services, social workers are in higher demand. Their vital social skills help us to cope with life.

So, to prevent “burn out”, during this most difficult time, and to continue this work with integrity, it is imperative that you, as social workers, not quit or forget your calling. Take the time to ask yourself, “Who am I in this world?”, “Who am I in this work?” “Am I called to serve in this capacity?”

To answer these grounding questions, I created and recommend this self-guiding principle which I have used to help guide me in my personal and professional decisions called **L.P.H. (Love/Purpose/Healing) Formula**. The L.P.H. Formula allows you to ask yourself, “Am I doing this work out of Love?”, or, “Am I doing it out of Labor?”, “Am I doing it for Power?”, or, “Am I doing it out of Purpose?”, “Am I Healing or am I Hurting”?

This work is not easy or, for the faint of heart. Since social workers bring equity to communities and to marginalized individuals, I challenge you to ask yourselves these questions. Take a moment to find

out what kind of social worker you are for a time such as this? Are you meant to be the one to deliver mental wellness services to the community? As you think about these questions in how you serve, remember as social workers, you are required to engage in your own self-care as you assist those in need. Once answered, you would then deliver your work differently and more effectively.

During the Gala on Zoom, I asked Ms. Karen Ford whether she does this work out of Labor or out of Love. She replied that this is absolutely her life’s work – that she would probably do this work even if she were not getting paid for it.

I charge each of you to make everything you touch, be met with love - that every human being, every interaction you engage in, be intentional. Intentionality in this work is crucial. You are our refuge here on earth in this time of storm.

The world will not survive without you social workers.

I encourage and challenge you to celebrate yourselves and each other daily to operate out of love, to heal, and to do this work on purpose. How you serve provides so much value. Your work is truly about love in this diverse world.

In solidarity and with peace,

Sharon Ife Charles-Hewitt

Keynote Speaker, 13th Annual Leadership Gala Awards

Suggested books I use for grounding:

Prayer of Jabez

by: Bruce H. Wilkinson

The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom

by: Don Miguel Ruiz

The Secret

by: Rhonda Byrne

The Bible

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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As I write this, we have just learned (after several days of worldwide anticipation), that Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Kamala Harris are President and Vice President Elect, however, we continue to await results on many down ballot races here in New York State. All 63 Senate and 150 Assembly members were up for reelection on November 3rd and the preliminary results suggest the potential for substantial changes among members, though the majority rule is not in peril in either house.

The final results though, particularly in the Senate could lead to a reshuffling of some key committee chairmanships. Stay tuned to our Election Day coverage. In the meantime, we continue to work the NASW-NYC Legislative Agenda and ready ourselves for a busy 2021 session.

While the crisis that is COVID-19 caused disruption to our normal January through June Legislative calendar, the work on our agenda and on behalf of the profession never missed a beat, it simply shifted to a virtual platform and extended well beyond the normal six month calendar. Legislators and their staff have been working nonstop to address the needs of their constituencies during these unprecedented times, and so too, has your legislative team. Our work has spanned the gamut of issues, from telehealth mental health provisions, licensing issues related to interstate practice, clinical supervision via technology, virtual continuing education allowances and passing a bill expand the timeframe for limited permits. In addition, we have been highly active on a number of issues such as police reform (most notably repeal of 50-a), calling for permanency of telemental health and parity in reimbursement of said services.

We have also been leading the charge (and will continue to) on a package of racial equity issues. As we are well aware, people of color experience disproportionate adverse outcomes from public institutions and social systems, including the education, housing, criminal justice, and child welfare systems that serve their communities. This is often the result of legislation that is passed to ameliorate social issues but causes further harm when legislators do not fully understand the racial inequities that may result. As a result, several years ago, NASW-NYC worked with Senator Luis Sepulveda and Assembly Member Victor Pichardo to introduce legislation, S. 1739a / A 2116a, respectively, that, if passed would require each house of the legislature to establish racial equity committees of review whereby legislation pending before the houses would be reviewed through the lens of racial equity. While we have been methodically working to advance the bill, the confluence of events surrounding the pandemic, such as the glaring health disparities of the Black and Brown communities, the continued police brutality cases and the rightful resulting civil unrest have given the bill (and issue) considerably more traction.

In addition, we have been working with Senator Tim Kennedy and Assembly Majority Leader, Crystal People Stokes, to advance two bills seeking to address racial disparities. The first being S.8209 / A.10319, an initiative that would create a new office within the Executive Branch called the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice. As the bill memorandum denotes "Although the Executive and Legislature may take actions to acknowledge or support racial equity and social justice, there is not a central entity within state government specifically created to further this critical goal. Decisions made by agencies throughout the government can have an enormously positive or detrimental effect on either reducing or exacerbating disparities that already exist. Sometimes by design, but more often unintentionally, actions by the state government have a direct impact on health, educational, and socioeconomic disparities. This legislation would create a mechanism within state government to ensure race or social justice constructs do not predict an individual's success, while also improving opportunities and outcomes for all people."

The third bill in the package of racial equity reforms is also an initiative sponsored by Senator Tim Kennedy S.8521. This bill would, if enacted, require states' Division of Human Rights and the Civil Service Department to establish a training program for civil service appointees on racial equity, social justice, and implicit bias.

In addition, we are continuing to work on legislation that would require access to mental health services in school districts (to be provided by school social workers and school psychologists). The bills, S.4217 / A.5373, currently sponsored by Senator Robert Jackson, and Assembly Member Felix Ortiz (like all above noted bills) will need to be reintroduced in the 2021 session and will, therefore, hold new bill numbers. A. 5373 will also bear a new Assembly sponsor, as our current sponsor, Deputy Majority Leader, Felix Ortiz will not be returning to his seat in January. We thank Felix for his tireless years of advocacy on behalf of the profession of social work. We will miss him and his commitment to so many issues we care about.

Finally, we will continue to monitor all COVID-19 Executive Order extensions related to the practice of social work, engage with the State Education Department on all licensing, CE and practice related issues in the context of pandemic rules and monitor the legislative landscape for new bill introductions related to the provision of diagnosis and psychotherapy. And while we are not yet sure what the legislative calendar will look like as we enter our second year at the Capitol under the cloud of COVID, we certainly expect it to be a busy session. Please stay tuned to our social media accounts for updates as the session begins in January.

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THE NASW-NYC STUDENT INTERNS



HANNAH ELLERBECK is a part-time MSW student at NYU with an expected graduation date of 2022. She is also a full-time project coordinator at NYU Steinhardt's department of applied psychology, where she manages grants and budgets for research projects. In the future, Hannah hopes to work in nonprofit management at an organization addressing health disparities.

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We would like to acknowledge the great work of our other intern this season, **SOPHIE MILES**.

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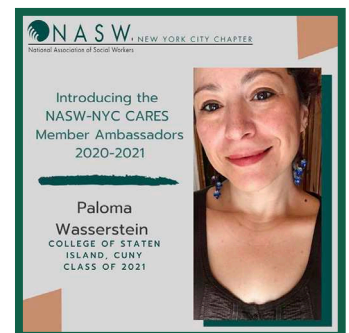
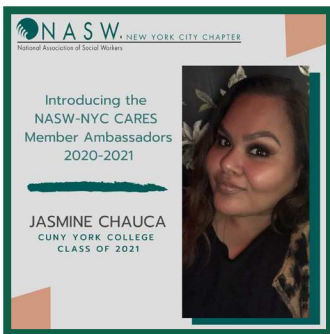
By: Angelique Rodriguez, Coordinator, Community Engagement & Volunteer Initiatives

The **NASW-NYC CARES** initiative is the civic engagement and community volunteerism arm of the chapter. Consisting of three main components, the initiative aims to engage NYC social workers and offer various opportunities to become more involved with the chapter and its community engagement efforts. The three main components of the initiative include the **NASW-NYC CARES Member Ambassador Program**, the revamped student liaison program of the chapter, as well as the **NASW-NYC CARES Volunteer Team** and the upcoming **NASW-NYC CARES Mentors Program**. Some components of the initiative are NASW member-only but there are various ways that non-members can become engaged as well. You can find more information about NASW-NYC CARES here: www.naswnyc.org/naswnyccares

The NASW-NYC CARES Member Ambassador Program specifically, which launched in September 2020 after being directly impacted by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, has hit the ground running. Our seven Member Ambassadors for the academic year 2020-2021, have various responsibilities, including speaking to their classmates, colleagues, and school faculty about NASW-NYC offerings and opportunities as well as attending events within their school where they can engage with other social work students. In addition, they are responsible for coordinating and leading one virtual student town hall per semester. In this way, the chapter continuously engages with NYC students of social work.

The first virtual student town hall was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 and focused on the social work student experience in the era of virtual learning. An incredible evening led by these amazing MAs, the town hall aimed to create a welcoming space for students to discuss their experiences during the pandemic and the ways that the changes made to their learning have shaped them. We heard from students from across the five boroughs and ended the evening with a breathing exercise to ground us all after heightened conversation. With feedback and information that is going to be gathered from the town hall, the Member Ambassadors hope to craft actionable items and tools that may better support the NYC student of social work population, becoming the bridge between the chapter and the schools that the NASW-NYC CARES Member Ambassador program aims to be.

The NASW-NYC Chapter is proud to introduce you all to the 2020-2021 NASW-NYC CARES Member Ambassadors:



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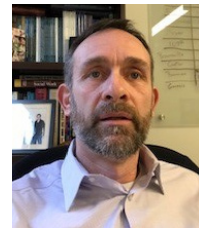
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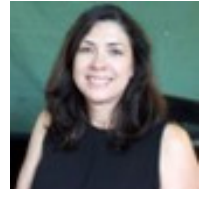
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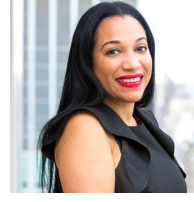
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THE MEANING OF GEMS



Lifetime of Leadership - The Diamond represents timelessness, strength, beauty, and encapsulates the meaning of all the other gems listed.



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3-7 Years of Leadership - The Aquamarine represents youth, hope, health, and fidelity.

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***Over 200 people
in attendance!***

Here's some of the fun...

**13th Annual
Leadership Gala Awards**

October 8, 2020

GALA CHAT COMMENTS

The Fireside Chat focused on encouraging social workers to continue their work and how the advocacy at the state and local levels are of extreme importance in this day and age.

"I believe that the social work profession is one that can answer most of the questions that people have today: racial justice, support. This pandemic has put 40% of people out of work and that is another example of where social workers can be helpful. So, I am honored to be here. You are perhaps the most important profession right now in our city and yet I don't think you're getting the support that you need."

Hon. Gale Brewer



David Garza

Henry Street loves MBP Gale Brewer! Hardest worker leader in NYC!

Yolanda Pumarejo

SSEU Local371 loves the Honorable Gail Brewer!

GALA CHAT COMMENTS

Thanks, so much to the Carla and the Walburg Center for providing much-needed Meals on Wheels for seniors up in the Heights and Inwood. Some of our senior center members benefit from Walburg's MOW provision.

Marcie Gitlin

You have done a great job with Bronx complete the count. Thank you DBP McFadden

Olanike (Nikki) Oyeyemi

"In order to be a part of fixing whatever is broken here, you have to have a passion and a calling and I think that mirrors every social worker here tonight."

Marricka Scott-McFadden



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"[Our clients] hold the power in their hands. So, what we do and what we share with them is part of our advocacy but we help to raise and uplift them to be their own advocates."

Carla D. Brown



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Kimkecha Caldwell

Great Community Work Carla!

Shelly Horwitz

Being active on the local level is critically important. We need to not only vote but to organize and support grassroots organizations who are on the frontlines of social action and change.

GALA CHAT COMMENTS

**GOOD
TROUBLE!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Sherine Johnson

**Social work IS
good trouble!!!**

Linda Lausell Bryant

CLOSING REMARKS FROM DEAN HUBERMAN



"The hallmark of NASW is inclusivity and not exclusivity. I think through the wonderful work of the NASW in NY[C] we will continue to make good trouble as Congressman Lewis said."

Dr. Steven Huberman

Dorrine Veca

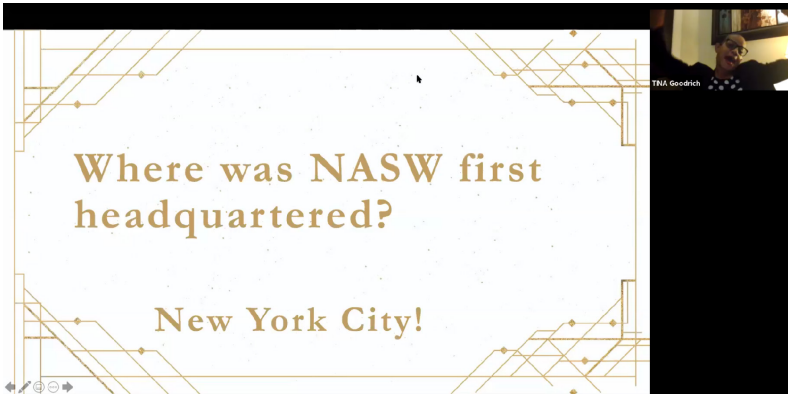
**Thank you, Dean
Huberman, for
reminding us to
shake things up.**

Athena Motal

**Dean Huberman
Thank you for
your leadership
and inspiration**

GALA GIVEAWAYS AND DANCE PARTY

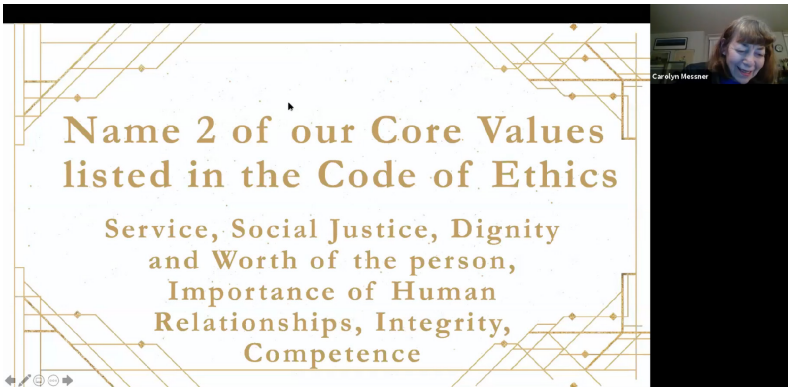
Tina Goodrich - WINNER
"SOCIAL WORKERS YES!!"



Congratulations to the amazing award winners! Kudos to the event team – this has been fabulous!

Matthea Marquart

Carolyn Messner - to WINNER Athena
"Athena! Congratulations – so great to see you!"



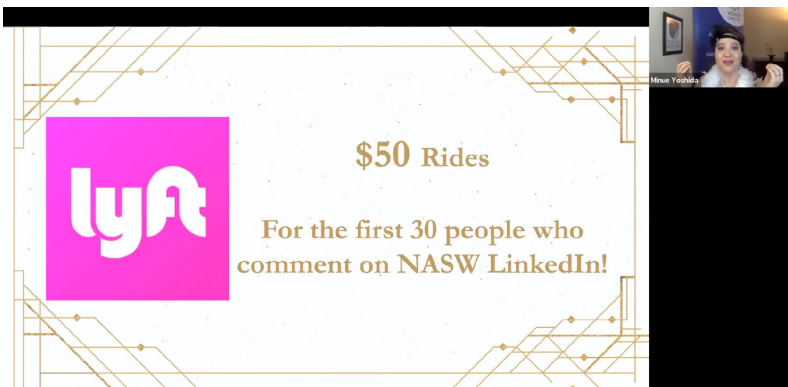
Thank you for such a great NASWNYC Gala Celebration tonight. Congrats to all the winners and best Gala ever.

Carolyn Messner

This was wonderful and so needed! Thank you!!

Rosa Bramble

Minue Yoshida: "Do you believe this?! Fifty dollar rides – FIFTY DOLLAR RIDES!"



An awesome event. Proud to be a social worker and a part of NASW.

Jacqueline Martin



Erica Sandoval

Dr. Claire Green-Forde

DJ Black Rabbit

DANCE PARTY WITH DJ BLACK RABBIT



Carolyn Messner



DJ Black Rabbit



Dr. Claire Green-Forde



Minue Yoshida



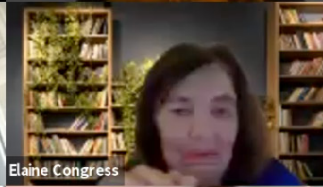
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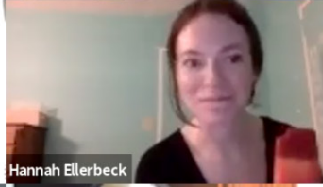
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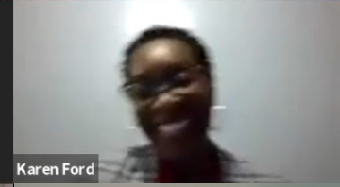
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