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MEET THE RDRC 32ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARD HONOREES - VICKI SCHNEPS

February 26, 2018

In the weeks leading up to our *32nd Annual Community Builders Award Gala* celebration, we are going to highlight each of our honorees in hopes that you will join us as we celebrate their accomplishments and raise support for our programs and services that reach over 1,500 Far Rockaway youth each year!

Victoria Schneps, Founder, President & CEO, Schneps Communications



Established in 1985, Schneps Communications has grown to include weekly community newspapers, websites, events, and social media in Queens and Brooklyn, including The Queens Courier, Brooklyn Home Reporter, Brooklyn Spectator Magazine, and, most recently, Brownstoner and the Long Island Press. Schneps Communications also publishes El Correo, and monthly publications including Queens Business, the Long Island City Courier, North Shore Towers Courier, LeHavre Courier, Aspire and Boro Magazine.

Inspired by the power of the press during her advocacy work on behalf of her daughter Lara, brain damaged at birth, Ms. Schneps pursued her dream of being in the news business. She started The Queens Courier in her Bayside living room, with a partner and a \$250 investment. Today, Schneps Communications publishes over 17 newspapers and magazines. The Queens

Courier was chosen as one of the top 10 newspapers in New York State and its website as #1 by the New York State Press Association. Additionally, Life's WORC, the group Schneps founded in 1971, has grown to serve over 1000 individuals with developmental disabilities and autism and is a \$58 million not-for-profit organization, operating 36 group homes and 19 day programs. Ms. Schneps continues to volunteer as a member of the board.

Ms. Schneps is the recipient of numerous awards for her dedicated community service and she is proud to have been chosen to carry the Olympic Torch for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. She has received awards as Business Person of the Year by The Queens Chamber of Commerce, the Flushing YMCA, Grand Marshal of the Queens Hispanic Parade, and recognized by the Hindu and Muslim communities as well. She serves on the boards of the Queens Museum, Life's WORC, the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning and Flushing Bank. She received her BS from New York University and her MS from Brooklyn College.

Come join us on Wednesday, May 16th RDRC as we celebrate Ms. Schneps outstanding achievements at our *32nd Annual Community Builders Awards Gala* at Russo's On the Bay in Howard Beach, Queens.

Tyler Morse, CEO & Managing Partner
MCR Development/TWA Flight Center Hotel

Cassandra Hill, General Manager, M/WBE Programs
Regional Alliance for Small Contractors
Delta Airlines Expansion Project/LaGuardia Airport

Hon. Stacey Pheffer-Amato
23rd Assembly District

Dr. Ed Williams
Ready Rockaway/Community Activist

Manny Fiallo
Community Activist (posthumously)

All proceeds from the event will be dedicated to supporting our year-round youth programs focused on employment, career exploration, financial literacy, college preparedness, leadership development and life skills training.

To learn more about our 32nd Annual Awards Gala and how your support can help make a difference contact us at 718.327.5300, email us at rdrcinfo1@gmail.com or visit us at www.rdrc.org.

Connie DeLaigle
RDRC Board of Directors
2018 Gala Committee Chairwoman

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