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*A*ngela Barrow is an Emerging Markets Loan Consultant for Washington Mutual Bank. In this role, she continues her work in the community assisting families to become responsible homeowners. Angela migrated to the United States in July 1970 to join her mother in Brooklyn, New York after graduating from High School in Barbados. She continued her pursuit of higher education by attending Brooklyn College. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Brooklyn College. She then received a Masters in Business & Public Administration from Southeastern University in Washington DC. Angela's quest to become a capable business woman led her to acquire several Insurance and Investment licenses.

Ms. Barrow worked for twenty-five years for the JPMorgan Chase organization. She excelled during this period and became a Vice President in their Global Derivatives Operations Department. In 2001, seeking greater challenges and a new direction, Angela took an early retirement. She returned to academia that fall and completed Long Island University's Certified Financial Planning Program in June 2003.

Also in 2003 to satisfy a need to give back to the community, Angela took a part time consulting position with Margert Community Corporation. This organization is a non-profit housing counseling agency in Far Rockaway New York which assists NYCHA residents to achieve the dream of home ownership.

When she's not helping others achieve their dreams, Angela is fostering the entrepreneurial dreams of her family. She is co-owner of two family companies Girard 3 Enterprises and A Small Production Company with her daughter and mother. The former is a real estate company with property in Brooklyn NY and the latter is a film production company.







Carmen Charles, WGE  
Award of Excellence







Julia Lystra Collis, WGE





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*M*s. Lystra Collis is a graduate of Malloy College. She has received certification as an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor and holds a Degree in Theology from Dorchester Bible College. She is widely known for her selfless work on behalf of her Church and community. Ms. Collis is a volunteer extraordinaire, dynamic woman, faithful, consistent and dependable, an over-comer and survivor, a former school teacher and proprietor of Aristocrat Manor. She is also in the process of writing four books.

As an activist and entrepreneur, Ms. Collis has made tremendous contributions to her fellow citizens and residents of Brooklyn in the Flatbush Landmark Historic District of Prospect Park South where she resides. She is dedicated and extremely passionate about community empowerment.

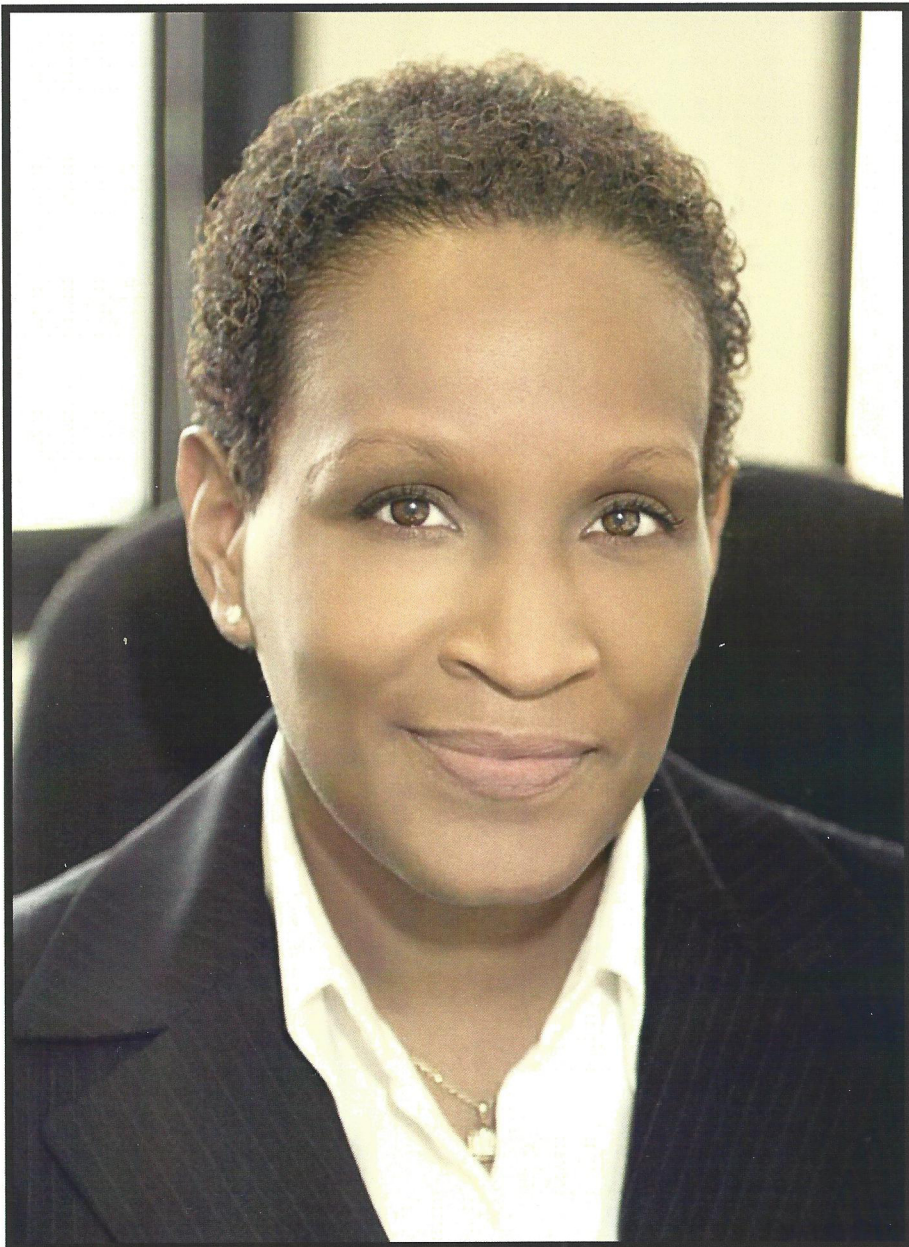
A proud native of Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Collis plays a significant role in advocating on behalf of the Caribbean American Community and the Community at large. She holds active membership in numerous organizations including: Past and present Board Member of the Caribbean American Community Comprehensive Center; The Progressive Democrats Political Association; governing member of the National Women's Political Caucus; Past President of the Renaissance Lion's Club; Life Member of the Folk Art Institute; The League of Women Voters; Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.(CACCI); Prospect Park Alliance; Caribbean Action Lobby; Within Reach, Inc.; NOW; ACORN and the Working Family Party (WFP).

Ms. Collis is actively involved in Federal, State and City Politics and has served on the Ad Hoc Committee of Caribbean Americans for Governor Mario Cuomo and acted as a liaison for the 40<sup>th</sup> Council District. She is also a designated New York State Ombudsman with the Department of Aging.

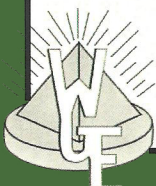
Ms. Collis has also been the recipient of numerous awards including: the 1998 Entrepreneur of the Year Award, The Legacy of Greatness Award, the Women's History Makers Award, Women Celebrating Women Award, New York City Council Citation, Mid-Brooklyn Community Activist and Humanitarian, The Marcus Garvey Commission and the Trinidad and Tobago National Heritage Award 2005. She was honored as a dynamic woman by Assemblyman Nick Perry in 2000. She also received the Award of Excellence from Sesame Flyers International Inc. She was honored by the prestige of accepting the New York City Pacesetter Award in 2006 and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. 2005 Business and Community Award.







Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, WGE





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Deputy Manhattan Borough President Rosemonde Pierre-Louis has dedicated her entire career to helping New York City's most vulnerable. Her record includes more than 15 years as an advocate, educator and attorney for women's rights and survivors of domestic violence. As Deputy Borough President, Ms. Pierre-Louis serves as the pivotal liaison between the Borough President, his staff, and the community. She is responsible for overseeing several of the Borough President's key initiatives related to transportation, domestic violence, and the environment, as well as the unprecedented reform of Manhattan's 12 Community Boards. She is a former member of Community Board #10 in Harlem. Deputy Borough President Pierre-Louis has a strong understanding of the challenges facing Manhattan and she meets regularly with community members throughout the borough.

Ms. Pierre-Louis held several leadership positions prior to becoming Deputy Borough President, most recently as the Director of General Litigation at Harlem Legal Services. As the Legal Director of the Family Justice Program at Network for Women's Services, Ms. Pierre-Louis recruited attorneys from large corporate law firms to represent battered women on a pro bono basis. At the Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, Ms. Pierre-Louis was the Senior Staff Attorney and represented battered women before New York State's Supreme and Family Courts.

While working in the Matrimonial Unit at Queens Legal Services, Ms. Pierre-Louis created and developed a program to teach battered, working and low-income women how to obtain an uncontested divorce without the need of an attorney. Since its inception 15 years ago, the program, the Pro Se Divorce Workshop, has been recognized as an excellent empowerment model for women and is now being replicated throughout New York State.

In 2004, Ms. Pierre-Louis was appointed by Chief Justice Judith Kaye to serve on the Matrimonial Commission, which was responsible for reviewing all aspects of matrimonial litigation and making recommendations for improving how the state's Family and Supreme Courts handle such litigation.

Ms. Pierre-Louis is a frequent lecturer on domestic violence and the law, and served as an adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law. She sits on the Board of Directors of My Sister's Place and the New York Women's Foundation. Ms. Pierre-Louis is a founding member of the African American Task Force on Violence against Women and is the Chairperson of the Women's Alliance of Harlem.

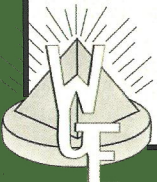
Rosemonde Pierre-Louis is the first Haitian American to serve as Deputy Borough President in all of New York City. Ms. Pierre-Louis completed her undergraduate studies in political science at Tufts University and earned a law degree at Case Western University School of Law. She is the recipient of the Leon Bagues Award from the NY& Association of Black and Latino Legislators and the Women United in Philanthropy Award from the United Way of New York City.







L. Cecille Palmer, WGE





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*M*s. L. Cecille Palmer is the eldest in her family of eleven children which consists of eight girls and three boys. She was born in Above Rocks, St. Catherine, Jamaica where she attended St. Mary's Elementary School and St. Mary's College. Subsequently, she attended Queen's School in St. Andrew, Jamaica. She then enrolled at the St. Joseph's Teachers' College where she pursued a course in primary education and graduated in 1972 with a Teachers' College Certificate. In 1973, she began work as a teacher at Holy Family Primary & Infant School located in the inner city area of downtown Kingston and after almost 34 years she continues to serve at the same institution.

Ms. Palmer, in an effort to upgrade her skills, has pursued higher education and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the West Indies and a Master of Science degree from Nova South Eastern University, Florida, USA. Because of her dedication and ability she was named the principal of her school in September 1993. She can lay claim to the distinct privilege of being the first lay principal at the school since its inception.

Ms. Palmer's genuine, undiluted dedication and commitment to the school and community as an educator, counselor and confidant are evidenced by the number of past students whose lives she has touched and who have excelled in their various endeavors. She states: "It is a pleasure to recognize my 'grandchildren' and 'great grandchildren' as I acknowledge my third generation of students. Similarly, the school community has played a tremendous role in giving me the opportunity to operate and function in a climate that is harmonious to students' learning and development."

Ms. Palmer is affiliated with the following institutions in the role of either member or officer: the Jamaica Teachers' Association; South Central Kingston District Association; Kingston Parish Association; Professional Advancement Committee; Salaries and Conditions of Service Committee and Negotiating Team; Kingston Eastern & Central Principals' Association and the Activities Committee of MultiCare Foundation.

She has been the recipient of many awards including the University of the West Indies Award in Leadership, Kingston Parish Association (JTA) for Outstanding Service and the Caribbean Centre of Excellence for Teacher Training (CCETT) and Outstanding Leadership in Literacy Instruction.







Joyce Q. Rogers. Esq., WGE





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*A* true Hoosier at heart, attorney Joyce Q. Rogers was educated in the Indianapolis Public School system where upon graduation she attended Indiana State University and received her undergraduate degree in Social Work. She followed this accomplishment by obtaining her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Indiana University.

Unique to Joyce is the fact that not only was she educated within Indiana's institutions of higher learning, but also upon graduation, from Indiana State, Joyce kept her talents "at home" and worked for four years as a caseworker and family counselor with the State of Indiana and the Family Unity Program respectively. Her drive for leadership and entrepreneurial spirit provided her the opportunity to serve as president of her family's successful restaurant business, Pa & Ma's Bar-B-Que.

Her passion to serve did not go unnoticed which is why in 2001, she was tapped to become the first Chief Operating Officer of Indiana Black Expo, Inc. (IBE). It was an easy selection and upon her arrival, she quickly enhanced the day-to-day operations of the organization and elevated the quality of IBE's youth and family programs and special events, particularly Indiana Black Expo's Summer Celebration and Circle City Classic. In 2004, Joyce's path within Indiana Black Expo took an unexpected course due to the untimely passing of IBE President Reverend Charles Williams. Joyce was called to serve and was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer. Under her leadership, she has blazed new trails for the organization, generating over \$1.5 million in new and increased sponsorships and contributions.

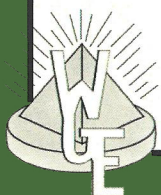
Her determination and passion has not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous awards including the prestigious State of Indiana Council of the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from Governor Frank O'Bannon. Joyce is a member of the American, Indiana, Marion County and Indianapolis Bar Associations and has served on numerous boards and committees. She is active in her church and chairs the church's board of trustees. She and Kenneth Rogers have been married over twenty years and have two daughters and one son.







Betty Sanders Shabazz, WGE  
2008 Posthumous Award





# Betty Sanders Shabazz, WGE

May 28, 1934 - June 23, 1997

Dr. Betty Shabazz used to say, "You have to find the good and praise it." This simple phrase, handed down to her from her mother, became the cornerstone of a life lived powerfully, honorably and sincerely, and provided a winning formula that moved her through all of life's adversities. As the world knows, Dr. Betty Shabazz was the widow of Malcolm X (El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz) and Director of Institutional Advancement and Public Relations and the cultural attache' at Medgar Evers College, The City University of New York.

Community activist, educator, scholar and widowed mother, Dr. Betty Shabazz was a hero for all single parents. She was the wife, supporter, solace, confidante and friend of Malcolm X. Pregnant with twins when Malcolm was brutally cut down; she unflinchingly assumed the arduous task of continuing his work; faced the responsibility of raising six children and did so with tremendous grace, skill, determination and commitment to social justice.

Born May 28, 1934, in Detroit Michigan, Betty Sanders was the only child of adoptive parents. She completed elementary school and high school in Detroit and went on to nursing school at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. She was attending a Tuskegee-affiliated nursing school in New York City when she was invited to hear the brilliant young minister Malcolm X at Harlem's Muslim Temple. They were married two years later. When she was 22, their first daughter Attallah, was born. Daughters Qubilah, Ilyasah and Camilah followed. She was pregnant with twins, Malaak and Malilah, when Malcolm was assassinated on February 21, 1965. She began a new life as a young widow and struggling single parent, determined to carry on her husband's work and raise their daughters.

For Dr. Betty Shabazz, education was always seen as a vehicle for personal change and transformation. She earned an R.N. degree from Brooklyn State Hospital and received a B.A. and an M.A. in Public Health, Education and Administration from Jersey City State College and a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Massachusetts. She was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on May 7, 1995, from Lincoln University.

Dr. Shabazz joined the faculty of Medgar Evers College in January 1976 and served as associate professor in the Division of Health Services until September 1980, after which she was appointed director of Institutional Advancement. In March 1984, she assumed the position of Director of Communications and Public Relations.

Pulitzer Prize winner Brian Lanker included Dr. Shabazz as one of the seventy-five women who changed our world and times in his book, *I Dream a World*. She was also one of three honorees who received the New York Urban League's top award at the Twenty-Fifth Annual Frederick Douglass Awards in 1980.

Dr. Shabazz served as a member of many social and community organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the NAACP, the American Education Research Association and the Annual Essence Magazine Special Tribute at Madison Square Garden. The Jackie Joyner-Kersey Community Foundation presented her the Theodore "Pop" Myles Leadership Award in November 5, 1994, in recognition of exemplary leadership through the spirit of desire, dedication and determination. Dr. Shabazz also received the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Drum Major for Justice Award. She was elected to the Lincoln University Board of Trustees in April 1997. Dr. Shabazz's extensive research on such topics as the sociological and economic conditions of minorities extended to Africa, the Caribbean and Europe. She held a variety of positions in both public and private organizations and participated on commissions and task forces at all levels of government-local and global.







Bernadette Cole Slaughter, Ph.D., WGE





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**B**ERNADETTE COLE SLAUGHTER, Ph.D. is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania. She has earned the respect and admiration of many for her genuine, thoughtful concern for humanity. She is an educational leader committed to diversity, equity and excellence. Dr. Cole Slaughter is always seeking to enrich the academic curriculum for her students, colleagues and the community. She values diversity of perspectives and appreciates exchanging ideas with people from various cultures.

Dr. Cole Slaughter volunteers in the Philadelphia Public School System participating in the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Distributed Leadership program focusing on family/community partnerships. Her areas of expertise are: Educational Administration, Curriculum and Instruction, Social Studies Education, Multicultural Education and Early Childhood. Dr. Cole Slaughter served as professor and dean, Early Childhood Division, SUNY Cobleskill (2001-2006) and associate professor, Department of Professional Studies in Education, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1989-2001).

In November 2007, Dr. Cole Slaughter was invited to participate in a U.S.-Egypt Education forum held in Cairo, Egypt as a People to People Ambassador with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) delegation. She has traveled widely as a Citizen Ambassador with People to People visiting Cuba in 2000, South Africa in 1995 and Viet Nam in 1993. Dr. Cole Slaughter's international experience includes conferences and presentations in Australia at the University of Sydney, Anguilla, South Africa at Technikon Pretoria, Nairobi, Kenya, Taipei, Taiwan, as well travels to Guyana, Italy, Malta and the United Kingdom.

In 2003, Dean Cole Slaughter together with the Early Childhood faculty at SUNY Cobleskill initiated the First Annual Notable Women's Luncheon to recognize unsung heroines dedicated to volunteering and innovative leadership in Schoharie County. Most importantly, Dean Cole Slaughter's work with the Early Childhood faculty to design and implement the first Bachelor of Science program in SUNY Cobleskill's history is noteworthy.

Bernadette Cole was born and raised in Guyana, South America. In 1965, her uncle Archbishop Carlisle Clarke founder of Nazareth Deliverance Spiritual Church brought her to the USA. She attended Pace College in NYC and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social sciences. In 1971, she married Charles A. Slaughter relocating to Philadelphia, PA. She completed her master's in education degree from Temple University in 1976. Afterwards, together with her husband, she served as a curriculum worker at the Ministry of Education in Guyana. In 1983, she earned a doctorate in educational administration from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Cole Slaughter served in Central Office Administration for the Seattle Public Schools. In 1986 she served as Chapter 1 Program Consultant for the Indiana Department of Education in Indianapolis.

Her colleagues in education and in the wider community regard Dr. Cole Slaughter as an asset to the community. Among Dr. Cole Slaughter's awards: Recipient of Purdue University's School of Education, *Distinguished Education Alumni Award*; IUP Academy for Teacher Preparation Award; SUNY Cobleskill's *Student Affairs College Faculty Appreciation Award*; Isaiah Temple of Mt. Hope's *Excellence in Education and Service to SUNY Cobleskill Award*; Schoharie County Child Development Council, *Head Start Community Partner Award*; Community Action Against Poverty, Inc., *Board of Director's Award*; and the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Indiana, PA Branch, *Outstanding Woman of the Year Award*.







Ellen Stewart, WGE





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Ellen Stewart is the Founder/Artistic Director of La MaMa E.T.C., the theatre that began in October 1961, and to this day continues to be of great importance to world culture. To date, La MaMa E.T.C. has presented more than 2,500 productions. Its resident theatre troupe has performed throughout the world including Colombia, Venezuela, Lebanon, Iran, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Finland, Scotland, England, Sweden, France, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Croatia, Korea, Japan, Turkey, Serbia, Poland, Taiwan, Austria, and Macedonia.

New Eastern European Theatre was introduced in America in 1967 when Ellen Stewart brought Jerzy Grotowski, Ryszard Cieslak, and Ludwig Flaszen to America. In this endeavor she was aided by Ted Hoffman of New York University. Ms. Stewart was instrumental in introducing to America some of the world's most influential artists, including Shuji Terayama, Yutaka Higashi, Kazuo Ohno, Andrei Serban, Mimi Perlini, Mario Martone, Dario D'Ambrosi, Philip Glass, Robert Wilson, Tadeusz Kantor, Blue Man Group, Gerald Thomas, Sam Shepard, amongst others and is proud of La MaMa's long heritage as an international theatre. She has hosted artists from more than seventy different countries.

Ellen Stewart has staged, composed, directed and written librettos for original folk-opera/spectacles, presented in America, Uruguay, Argentina, Austria, Italy, Turkey, the Philippines, the Cameroon, Zaire, Central African Republic, Senegal, Nigeria, Brazil, Haiti, Morocco, Israel, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia. She has lectured in all of the above countries, is a visiting professor of the Seoul Institute of the Arts in South Korea and is a long-standing member of the Seoul International Theatre Institute.

Ellen Stewart is the recipient of many Honorary Doctorates and awards, among which are the prestigious MacArthur "Genius" Award and the National Endowment for Arts and Culture. She was appointed an "Officer" in the "Ordre Des Arts Et Letters" of the Republic of France and received the Les Kurbas Award for "Distinguished Services to Art and Culture" from the Ukraine. In January 1993 Ellen Stewart was inducted into the "Broadway Theatre Hall of Fame", becoming the first Off-Broadway Producer to ever receive this honor. In December 1994 Ellen Stewart was awarded the "Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette" by the Emperor of Japan.

