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NONPROFIT WESTCHESTER ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBER, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

White Plains, N.Y. (December 9, 2022) – <u>Nonprofit Westchester</u> (NPW) is pleased to announce its new President, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, all of whom will take their places on the board starting in the new year.

"We are thrilled to welcome dedicated nonprofit professionals to the Nonprofit Westchester board and executive committee in the new year," said Jan Fisher, Executive Director at Nonprofit Westchester. "Each of their unique expertise and experiences will help us to advance NPW's mission of fortifying the nonprofit sector in Westchester County, thereby strengthening social, personal, and economic outcomes for all residents."

Masha Turchinsky, Director and CEO of the <u>Hudson River Museum</u>, will join the NPW Board of Directors. The new Board President will be Richard Nightingale of <u>Westhab</u>; the new co-Vice President will be Jirandy Martinez of <u>Community Resource Center</u>; and the new Secretary will be Ron Abad of <u>Community Housing Innovations</u>. They will be joining co-Vice President Allison Lake of <u>Westchester Children's Association (WCA)</u> and Treasurer Erica Martinson of <u>Brown & Brown of NY Inc.</u> on the NPW Executive Committee.

Richard Nightingale joined Westhab in 2001 and became President and CEO in 2014. He credits his early years on the frontlines at Westhab for fueling his passion for social justice. Outside of the organization, he serves on the College Council of SUNY Purchase. Richard received his BA from Tufts University and his MSW from Fordham's Graduate School of Social Services. He completed additional coursework in real estate development and finance at New York University and leadership training at Harvard Business School.

Jirandy Martinez started at Community Resource Center as a Programs Coordinator and spent ten years developing initiatives to benefit the immigrant community before becoming the Executive Director. Her work is centered on advancing the organization's mission of empowering immigrant and low-income families by providing the resources and advocacy to help them become self-reliant and thriving community members.

Ron Abad joined Community Housing Innovations in March 2021 to serve as Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director after founding ED/CEO Alec Roberts. With a personal mission and passion for strengthening individuals and families and moving them from poverty to self-sufficiency, Ron Abad has more than 25 years of executive-level leadership in government and nonprofit organizations in the fields of homeless shelters, supportive housing, and community-based health care.

Masha Turchinsky joined the Hudson River Museum as Director and CEO in 2017. She oversees the largest multidisciplinary cultural institution in Westchester County, New York, with a mission to connect

diverse communities through the power of arts, sciences, and history. In 2021, she was featured by 914INC. Magazine as one of the leading Women in Business and by Westchester Magazine as an "Art Leader for a New Age" for innovations that have increased community participation and new partnerships, combined with growing national attendance—a record 42 states in the year leading up to the pandemic.

Nonprofit Westchester is grateful for the leadership provided by outgoing board president Anahaita Kotval and Secretary Heather Miller, both of whom will remain on the NPW Board of Directors.

The following board members were elected for a second term: Allison Lake, Executive Director of <u>Westchester Children's Association</u>; Michelle A. Nicholas, SVP, Chief Diversity Officer & Director of Community Development of <u>PCSB Bank</u>; Maurice Segall, Legal Director of <u>Pro Bono Partnership</u>; Jane Veron, Chief Executive Officer of <u>The Acceleration Project</u>; and Sam Wallis, Executive Director of <u>Yonkers Partners in Education</u>.

A group photo from the event can be found <u>HERE</u>.

To see all NPW Board Members, <u>click here</u>. For information on how to get involved in Nonprofit Westchester in 2023, please visit <u>www.npwestchester.org</u>.

About Nonprofit Westchester

Nonprofit Westchester (NPW) is Westchester's only membership organization dedicated solely to advancing and advocating for the needs and interests of the county's nonprofit sector, the people and populations served, and the nonprofit workforce. Representing more than 250 members, NPW's vision is to build a thriving county with vibrant nonprofits and resilient, inclusive communities that value equity and inclusion, innovation, and integrity. The mission of NPW is to strengthen Westchester's nonprofit organizations as they transform lives, empower communities, and drive positive change. This mission and vision are strengthened through advocacy, education, and connection. To learn more about Nonprofit Westchester, visit their website at www.npwestchester.org.