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**NONPROFIT WESTCHESTER OPENS 2023 WITH SHOW OF STRENGTH AND COLLABORATION TO NY STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY DELEGATION MEMBERS**

**White Plains, N.Y. (January 16, 2023)** - [Nonprofit Westchester](#) (NPW) welcomed members of the NY Senate and Assembly delegations to share their 2023 priorities and to listen to opportunities and concerns presented by diverse nonprofit organizations at a standing-room-only forum. The forum was moderated by Ron Abad, Chair of the NPW Policy Committee and Executive Committee Member and CEO of [Community Housing Innovations](#), who shared NPW's 2023 [Advocacy and Policy Agenda](#). Newly elected NPW President and CEO of [Westhab](#), Richard Nightingale, brought greetings.

NY State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins opened the forum that was attended by her colleagues in the NY State Senate and Assembly: Senator Shelley Mayor, Senator Peter Harckham, Assembly Member J. Gary Pretlow, Assembly Member Amy Paulin, Assembly Member Steve Otis, Assembly Member Nader Sayegh, Assembly Member Chris Burdick, Assembly Member Dana Levenberg, and Assembly Member Matthew Slater.

Issues including affordable housing and homelessness, domestic violence funding, poverty, food insecurity, economic and community development, immigration, and nonprofit contracting were addressed.

"We are fortunate to have a very strong, deep, and committed bench of legislators representing Westchester County. We are honored to work with them to not only provide government-mandated and other critical services, but to come to the table as thinking partners to advance solutions to pressing issues that impact all Westchester and New York State residents. The time is ripe for change, and Nonprofit Westchester looks forward to serving as a catalyst that unifies the sector, advances equity for the people we serve and the nonprofit workforce, and fair partnerships with government," stressed Jan Fisher, Executive Director of Nonprofit Westchester.

***Find Legislative Forum Photos [HERE](#).***

**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 300 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

supported through advocacy, education, and connection. To learn more about Nonprofit Westchester, visit their website: <https://npwestchester.org/>.

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