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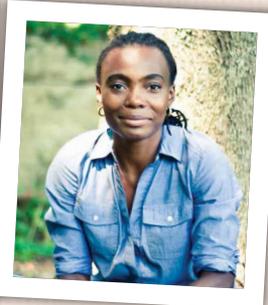
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Ruby Olisemeka—Honoree

Ruby Olisemeka is an independent educator/consultant focusing on socially transformative education; food justice and incorporating African and indigenous practices into farming and food & farming education. She began her farming career as an apprentice at Stone Barns (2011) and has since built numerous school and urban gardens in lower Westchester and Harlem.

Ruby has over 10 years of experience educating children and young adults; she has worked as an educator at Edible Schoolyard NYC, Harlem Grown and various public and private schools and institutions. She is currently a facilitator with Farmschool NYC—a radical urban agriculture training program for adults.

She is passionate about reclaiming and transforming greenspaces in urban neighborhoods of color for the wellbeing of community; as well as facilitating nature connection lessons with children of color, wherever nature is found. She initiated and is a part of a grassroots community effort to bring local, organically grown food to Mount Vernon residents at no cost/pay what you can model, entitled “The Free Peoples Market.”



Anne Jaffe Holmes—Honoree

Currently as Program Manager for the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, Anne Jaffe Holmes seeks to build community around protecting our environment, especially by bringing forward the voices of those who bear the heaviest burdens of environmental damage and climate change.

Earlier in her career as an environmental educator first for Westchester County and then for the Greenburgh Nature Center, Anne came to understand that the disconnect between people and Nature so pervasive in our culture creates disease in our bodies and souls, just as surely as it poisons our world and harms other species.

Anne is grateful for the great well of faith in people and optimism about the future she absorbed in her early years as a college campus organizer for the United Farmers of America and other justice causes. In her words: “I’ve been fortunate throughout my 45 years of community organizing and environmental education to see repeatedly that while change usually takes longer than we wish, and specific goals are often somewhat adjusted, ‘the people united’ eventually prevail.”

When not on the phone or zooming for FCWC, Anne can be found mixing her backyard compost or collecting food scraps at the Farmers Market with her friends in the Irvington Compost Crew.

BIOGRAPHIES



Delia Marx—Honoree

Delia Marx was fortunate to emigrate with her young family from Argentina in 1978 when her native country was victim of a violent military dictatorship: people were being kidnapped and tortured for voicing any disagreement with the regime. 30,000 were 'disappeared', one cousin and two of her friends among them, an experience that marked Delia for the rest of her life. This was an experience relived by Delia's Jewish parents who fled Austria on March 12, 1938, the date of the German Anschluss, to Argentina when the borders of the US were closed to them.

Once in NY, Delia studied Computer Science. She obtained her Masters and then her PhD at Polytechnic University and in 1989 she became a professor at Mercy College. Hoping to raise awareness among the younger generation, Delia developed content and taught courses about global climate change, its causes and consequences, and about a just food system that nourishes both people and the planet.

All along, Delia maintained a close contact with Argentina. Since the economic debacle of December 2001, when thousands of businesses went bankrupt and the so-called 'recuperated factories' started to appear, Delia has been organizing and leading tours to Argentina on behalf of Global Exchange, giving groups of Americans the opportunity to witness the social and political reality in Argentina and learn about the solidarity economy and workers' cooperatives by facilitating direct conversations with the leaders of social movements there. The most recent tour, in July 2019 included several WESPAC members.

Since her retirement from Mercy College, Delia has been able to dedicate herself to her social justice interests and volunteer with several local organizations. In addition to being a long-time member of WESPAC, Delia currently is a member of the Greenburgh Human Rights Advisory Committee, the planning committee of the Westchester Social Forum, and the Greenburgh Anti-Systemic Racism Task Force; she represents WESPAC at the NYS Community Equity Agenda and the Divest NY Coalitions, and participates in the struggle to reform the police, the bail and parole systems and against solitary confinement and the death penalty.

Delia's latest project relates to her experience in Argentina and her passion for a more just and equitable economy: she is in the process of creating a network of organizations to develop and support workers' cooperatives in Westchester County.

She is a proud mom of two and grandmother of five!

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The WESPAC Community deeply appreciates each and everyone one of our donors who continue to sustain WESPAC's work at this critical time.

WESPAC Foundation has been a leading force for progressive social change in Westchester County, New York, since 1974. We have been educating, agitating and organizing for a more just and peaceful world, an end to militarism and racism and a more fair economy that works for all. Our members are currently involved with criminal justice reform and police accountability, food justice work, fair housing, climate justice and safe renewable energy, immigrant protection, solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, an end to militarism and drone warfare and the struggle for justice, equal rights and human dignity for all the inhabitants of Israel/Palestine.



WESPAC PAST AWARDEES

1980 The late **Rev. Lee H. Ball** One of WESPAC's founders. Head of Methodist Federation for Social Action and Westchester Clergy and Laity Concerned for a number of years. A major presence of conscience through the Vietnam and civil rights struggles.

1981 The late **Dr. Corliss Lamont** Educator, scholar, humanist, activist, author and poet. Lifelong fighter for human liberties, peace and humane causes. Chair, National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) and honorary president American Humanist Association. The WESPAC picnic and music festival was hosted each year by the Lamont's on their grounds in Ossining.

1982 The late **Helen Auerbach** Counselor to hundreds of youth with unbounded generosity of spirit for 30 years. Former WESPAC recording secretary. Gentle fighter against bigotry, injustice, nuclear war. Dedicated to racial justice and work with Yonkers NAACP, Rainbow Coalition, Riverdale Ethical Humanist Society.

1983 **Charles Scheiner** A man for all seasons. Co-founder, co-chair of WESPAC. Commitment to nonviolence and pacifism has directed his life's activities. Has represented Mobilization for Survival, War Resisters League, WESPAC in North Atlantic Network and Nuclear-Free Pacific movement. Co-founder East Timor Action Network.

1984 The late **Elsie Harry** Lifetime of activism for racial and economic justice. A WESPAC founding member. Organized Westchester's Welfare Rights Organization and its Welfare Coalition. Led WESPAC's Criminal Justice and Human Development Committees. Powerful advocate for the poor, she personally fought for hundreds of oppressed and dispossessed.

1985 **Rabbi Michael Robinson** From Blue Ridge Mountains, leader among clergy for justice and peace. Pacifist, C.O. during WWII; early civil rights worker. As Rabbi in Northern Westchester, co-chaired SANE, helped found CALC. Former national chair, Jewish Peace Fellowship. He and Ruth worked with WESPAC as war tax resisters.

1986 The late **Clara and Arnold Ghinger** Arnold was a jeweler, writer, tireless champion of minority rights and peace. Never missed a demonstration or a good fight for a just cause. Clara, a mainstay at WESPAC, past treasurer and always a source of wisdom and caring. Active in Women Strike for Peace, Women's Pentagon Action, Yonkers Women's Task Force. Lifelong devotion to peace and women's rights.

WESPAC PAST AWARDEES

1987 Joanne Robinson-Boettcher From a family tradition of political involvement (her mother, May, was a guiding light for human rights and equality), Joanne co-chaired the local Rainbow Coalition, helped found Black Democrats and Black Women's Political Caucus, and represented WESPAC and Rainbow at 1985 UN Decade of Women Conference in Nairobi.

1988 The late Margaret Eberle Chair of Central America Solidarity Association (CASA) at WESPAC. Spent countless hours doing programs about Nicaragua, El Salvador, U.S. foreign policy. Traveled to Cuba with Friendshipships to challenge U.S. embargo. Former VISTA volunteer in Utah with Native Americans and their struggles. Made all WESPAC banners for demos and rallies.

1989 Herman Keith First African American Westchester County Legislator. President of Yonkers NAACP when landmark desegregation lawsuit was launched (won in 1986). Headed Jackson presidential campaigns in Westchester, and Jackson delegate to Democratic National Convention. Working with WESPAC, spearheaded passage of legislation by County Board forcing withdrawal of county funds from banks doing business in South Africa.

1990 The late Toshi and Pete Seeger, who lived their lives so that the Rainbow Race of Children can see a new day of peace, green grass, sunshine, blue sky, clear water and a song. Who could ask for more?

1991 The late Al Warren Founding member during the Vietnam War of Westchester Peace Council, the forerunner of WESPAC. A union organizer with an unshakable commitment to fight each act of injustice that came his way, from the struggle against fascism as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to combating local racism and police brutality.

1992 Andrew Courtney Career teacher of Fine Arts whose life work is a convergence of social responsibility, education and art. Organized first Construction Brigade to Nicaragua and Eye Doctor's Team to the West Bank and Gaza. An exhibiting photographer, he projects in his photos the searing humanity of oppressed people in Central America, the Middle East and South Africa.

1993 The late Ruth Inabu Fox Community activist for more than 50 years. Outstanding organizer and leading promoter of universal health care based on the Canadian model; advocate for permanent housing for the homeless, working poor and minorities. National Board member of Gray Panthers. Recipient of White Plains Distinguished Human Rights Award and Governor's Award for extraordinary contributions to improving the quality of life for Westchester residents.

WESPAC PAST AWARDEES

1994 WESPAC on its 20th Anniversary

1995 Helen Bellotti, Eleanora Cutignola, Ed Lyman, Vince Rubeo, Len Ruderman, Florence Tabor WESPAC would not be able to function without the many volunteers who have dedicated their lives to the progressive causes WESPAC champions. This year we chose to honor the people behind the scenes who make WESPAC work: the dedicated, longtime volunteers.

1996 Connie Hogarth For 22 years Connie Hogarth was WESPAC's charismatic leader, providing dynamic leadership, compassionate guidance, and genuine friendship to its members and those it serves. Connie led WESPAC in the struggle to protect people and the environment from the ravages of corporate greed, establish peace at home and abroad, create a just society and extend the definition of family to include the whole of life on the planet. Connie continues her activism with the Connie Hogarth Center for Social Action at Manhattanville College.

1997 Dennis Hanratty As director of Mt. Vernon United Tenants and Co-chair of the Board of Hunger Action Network of New York State, Dennis is a leader in the struggle for affordable housing, and the struggle to end hunger and poverty. His global perspective consistently informs his work for justice at the community level.

1998 The late **Winston A. Ross** Winston Ross was a lifelong advocate for the poor and disadvantaged in our community. He was committed to the fight for equal opportunity and justice in both his professional and volunteer activities. Since 1984 he was Executive Director of WestCOP (Westchester Community Opportunity Program), which was formed in 1965 from President Johnson's declaration of a "War on Poverty."

1999 Amy Goodman Amy Goodman hosts Pacifica Radio's *Democracy Now!*, a daily national grassroots newsmagazine on both international and national issues. She has reported from Chiapas, Haiti, Nigeria and East Timor. Her program is the only remaining national medium to cover U.S. policy from a critical and investigative perspective.

1999 The late **Judge Bruce M. Wright** Judge Wright was dubbed "Turn 'Em Loose Bruce" when he released without bail a Black man accused of slashing the throat of a police decoy. The man later was found innocent and whose only "crime" was carrying a Boy Scout knife. This was just one of his many lifelong acts of courage, controversy and conviction.

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2000 Harold Lasso Active organizer and leader dedicated to empowering and serving Westchester's Hispanic community, as well as achieving justice for Indigenous people in the Americas and peace for Colombia, and building bridges between peoples and among groups.

2001 Julie Davis Carran One of WESPAC's most active volunteers, Julie helped with administrative work, supports other activists, and reaches across race, class and age lines to find common ground and make connections among individuals and community groups. Her dedication, perseverance, perspective and empathy have helped sustain WESPAC and build the larger movement for social justice.

2004 Judith Karpova Opposing the Vietnam War through direct action and mobilizing anti-globalization demonstrations, she has organized U.S. humanitarian travelers to Iraq and been a courageous human shield, protecting Iraqi civilians.

2004 The late Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr. A drum major for justice, Lucius was Executive Director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) and pastor of Salvation Baptist Church. His compassion empowered victims of human rights violations from apartheid South Africa to the U.S.A. For Cuba, he defied the U.S. blockade with Pastors for Peace caravans bringing humanitarian supplies.

2004 Zena Mikdadi Zena is a vital bridge to the Muslim Community in Westchester for non-Muslims. A founder of American Muslim Women's Association, she reaches out to diverse communities with humor and patience, raising awareness about Islam and about challenges Muslims face here.

2004 Alex Matthiessen As Executive Director of Riverkeeper, Alex educates, advocates, litigates. Along with a legal team, he investigates potential threats to the watershed and enforces environmental law to safeguard the Hudson River Valley and the NYC water supply. He is the Hudson River's most visible and aggressive advocate.

2005 Mike Levinson For his 30 years of activism with WESPAC Foundation and the War Resisters League, for his commitment to nonviolence, peace, justice and direct action.

2005 The late Sundiata Sadiq Three-term president of the Ossining branch of the NAACP, for his 30 years of activism on issues of racial justice and political prisoners, including his work to free Mumia Abu-Jamal.

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2005 Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition for its effective mobilizing of people and communities to call for the closing of the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

2006 Joan Indusi For her work to close Indian Point, resist war taxes, oppose U.S. wars in Central America and Iraq, abolish nuclear weapons, reduce funding for the military and support a clean environment and national health care.

2006 Rev. Emma Loftin-Woods For her work to integrate schools in North Carolina and Yonkers, promote tenant rights, help victims of Hurricane Katrina and to repeal the Rockefeller Drug Laws.

2006 The late **George Houser** For his non-violent struggle against racism and his work for civil rights, to end colonial domination of Africa and for founding the American Committee on Africa.

2007 Cleta Ciulla For her work with the Rockland Sister Cities Project in Friendship with the People of Nicaragua and her contribution to the Rockland Coalition for Peace and Justice.

2007 Rev. Rafael Garcia For his work in educating the public on "U.S.-Plan Colombia", the colonial status of Puerto Rico, the abuse of teachers in Oaxaca and the exploitation of unionized janitors in Westchester County.

2008 Al Surya Peterson Surya is a founding trustee of the African American Cultural Foundation created in 1969. He served as the Health and Fine Arts Director for several years. He was the co-founder of the Sunday Gallery that was created in 1970, a collective that exposes the creative expression of local African American artisans.

2008 Phyllis and Orlando Rodriguez When their 31 year-old son died in the 9/11 terror attacks in New York, they called on President Bush in an open letter not to start a campaign of revenge in Afghanistan. The letter, "Not In My Son's Name", circulated widely on the internet and is their political credo. They joined other victims' relatives in forming September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows in February 2002.

2008 Westchester-Rockland Chapter 60 of Veterans for Peace This chapter chartered by the national organization in 1991 at the initiative of the late Alvin Warren of Montrose, a Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the Second World War. He was joined by members of the metro-area Clarence Fitch Chapter of Vietnam Veterans Against the War. The combined group adopted the name "Tappan Zee Brigade" reflecting its area of operations on both sides of the Hudson River.

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2009 Victor Corona Has been a fair trade vendor at the Margaret Eberle annual holiday fair for several years. Has been coordinating the Fatherhood Involvement Initiative of Head Start under the auspices of Family Services of Westchester and helps connect local Latino immigrants to employment and language resources.

2009 The late Dr. Olivia Hooker Was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1915. She moved with her family to Tulsa, Oklahoma a few years later. Dr. Hooker was six when the Tulsa Race Riot occurred. Aged over 100 years old, she was among a few hundred remaining survivors who are still seeking restitution for the losses of life and property that they and their families suffered as a result of the riot.

2009 Nick Mottern Has been active in anti-war and local organizing in Westchester County for the last 20 years. He is a journalist and directs the knowdrones.com website. He has worked for Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, organizing speaking tours on the impact of US policies on Africa, as well as Bread for the World. He is the founder of KnowDrones.com.

2010 Ted DeSoyza Has been very active in the peace movement in Westchester County and is an inspiration to countless numbers of activists. She has worked with "gangs" on the Lower East Side and has taught at the Correction Facility in Bedford and at the Adult Learning Center in New Rochelle.

2010 Mirene Ghossein Is active with Alwan for the Arts, WESPAC and Adalah-NY. In 2008 she organized The Art of Palestinian Children, a traveling exhibition of 26 paintings by Palestinian children in Lebanon that were donated by Al-Jana in Beirut. She sees art as a powerful vehicle that social justice activists can use to bridge gaps in understanding and mythologies.

2010 Felice Gelman Has been a core member of WESPAC's Middle East Committee for several years. She has become very involved in the campaign to end Israel's siege of Gaza and has made three trips to the region with Code Pink and the Gaza Freedom March. She also serves on the board of the Friends of the Jenin Freedom Theater.

2010 Jackie Mann Is the Co-founder and President of the Elias Foundation dedicated to promoting community leadership networks for progressive social change in Westchester County. Elias supports organizations that amplify the voices of community members and initiatives led by the communities they serve.

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2010 Mary Williams Is a community activist who is one of the founders of the Westchester Community Opportunity Program (WestCOP), a co-founder of the Union Child Day Care Center and the Theodore Young Community Center.

2011 African American Men of Westchester Is composed of men who have distinguished themselves in the fields of finance, politics, government operation, telecommunication, education, social services, legal services, business organizations and engineering. They work to strengthen the family institution and focus attention on social issues which have a disproportionately negative impact on the African American Community.

2011 No War Westchester Community members have held a vigil in White Plains every Saturday since the U.S. invasion of Iraq. They have participated in the effort to end illegal wars and occupations and to bring the troops and mercenaries home. They welcome your support and participation.

2011 Women in Black New Rochelle Solidarity Vigilers Under the leadership of Ceil Lavan stand vigil each month in New Rochelle to raise the consciousness of drivers and pedestrians about the U.S. backed siege of Gaza. With the support of her Blauvelt Dominican Sisters, Ceil went with a Code Pink delegation to Gaza in May of 2009, four months after the Israeli military's attack on the Gaza Strip.

2012 Rachel Estroff Is a founding member of Westchester for Change, an organization of community activists working for progressive social and political change, focusing on issues impacting economic inequality and environmental degradation.

2012 Maggie Goff Was a student at Manhattanville College where she served as the President of the Connie Hogarth Center for Social Action and was active in various student and community organizations dealing with education budget cuts, immigration, the environment, LGBTQ rights and justice in the Middle East.

2012 Cora Miles Former teacher and assistant principal, is active in several cultural and social justice organizations dedicated to ending racial disparities, including the Anti-Racist Alliance, the Westchester Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Institute for Nonviolence, OneACCORD and WESPAC.

2012 The late **Gary Shaw** Leader in the struggle against nuclear power, is a member of the steering committee of the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC). He was the lead writer of the anti-nuclear documentary "Nowhere to Run" which won a Silver Medal at the 2003 Houston International Film Festival.

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2013 Marlen Fernandez and Maria Jaime Marlen was a student at Lehman College and Vice President of the Lehman Dream Team. Maria was a Duchesne Scholar at Manhattanville College. They were co-coordinators of the Westchester Dream Team, a chapter of the NYS Youth Leadership Council that works to empower undocumented youth and challenge the broken immigration system.

2013 LaMont Oyewale Badru and Roger Drew LaMont, a member of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, is a professional community organizer in community development and housing policy. He founded the Community Governance and Development Council working to establish a neighborhood base of youth education and recreation in Yonkers. Roger worked at the Duchesne Center for Religious and Social Justice at Manhattanville College, where he ran numerous programs on human rights, social justice, diversity and women's rights. He was a member of the Board of Directors at WESPAC.

2013 Priscilla Read Has been active in the Rhode Island Qalqilya Alliance and the Episcopal Diocese to raise awareness about Palestine and Israel and to counter Islamophobia. She was the founder and coordinator of the Westchester Chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace, working toward a just peace in the Middle East.

2013 George Guerci Former member of the NYC Fire Department who was active in the successful struggle to end discrimination against African-Americans and other people of color in the NYFD by changing its testing and hiring practices. He has been active in the effort to free Mumia Abu-Jamal, to shut down Indian Point and, with Nick Mottern, on the anti-drone "Know Drones" campaign.

2014 Connie Hogarth Lifelong peace, justice, and environmental activist. She was the co-founder and Executive Director of WESPAC for 23 years. She served as both an honoree and the keynote speaker for the 40th Anniversary Awards Dinner for WESPAC. She has been honored with the establishment of the Connie Hogarth Center for Social Action at Manhattanville College, training students to move from academics to activism. Her contributions to the movement for social justice are priceless.

2014 Doug DeCandia Served as the Food Growing Program Coordinator for the Food Bank of Westchester. He works with youth and adults from around the county in the garden growing fruits and vegetables to serve those experiencing hunger.

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2014 Jalal Sabur Helped to start the Food Justice Committee at WESPAC, as well as the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement. He has worked with the Was-saic Community Farm. He is currently running the Victory Bus Project, where he transports family members to visit loved ones who are in upstate prisons while providing them with fresh produce.

2015 Ibrahim Siddiq Activist, artist, philosopher and poet, Ibrahim a.k.a. POET (Putting Out Eternal Thoughts) is the Artistic Director of a grassroots arts program known as The FREE ART Project through which he facilitates work-shops, open mics, and showcases in NYC and Westchester. He is the founder of the organic plant-based skin and hair care product line Earth's Pantry where the proceeds fund The FREE ART PROJECT.

2015 Howard Horowitz A WESPAC community activist since its founding in the 1970s, and has served as Chairperson of the WESPAC Board. He is an active organizer in the Westchester Chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace and works to bring alternative Palestinian and progressive Jewish voices to Temple Israel of New Rochelle and the wider community through the Westchester Jewish Council.

2016 Art Bennett As a musician who was very active in the beginning of the Loft Jazz movement in New York City, leading to appearances at Lincoln Center. Art has performed with many notable artists, including Rasheed Ali and Lonnie Liston Smith, and believes that the world can be transformed through the arts as a medium that transcends boundaries and divisions.

2016 Frank Brodhead Has worked as an editor and writer, a tenant rights organizer and has also worked for the American Friends Service Committee. He is one of the founders of Concerned Families of Westchester, a community-based organization that focuses on stopping wars and climate change.

2016 Jun-san Yasuda As a member of the Nipponzan Myohoji Order whose only mission is to walk and pray for peace as she walks to challenge the root causes of nuclear weapons, the African slave trade, and the many injustices to Native people. She has spent days in rough weather outside the prisons of Leonard Peltier and Mumia Abu Jamal.

2016 Kenneth Chamberlain Jr. For effecting positive change in Westchester and beyond. After his father's death at the hands of White Plains police officers, he has worked tirelessly toward creating more just, safe and sustainable communities and is a founding member of the Westchester Coalition for Police Reform.

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2017 Latifa Williams as a licensed mental health counselor, for her efforts to eliminate the disproportionate representation of children of color within child welfare, and other related systems, and for her commitment to working for a world in which law enforcement institutions are transformed to create a more just and equitable policing system for everyone.

2017 Scott Havelka as Director of Programs and Services at The LOFT: LGBT Community Center with its early beginnings at the WESPAC loft space, and for his work reducing the statewide number of new HIV infections, as well as his work serving on the planning team of the annual Margaret Eberle Fair Trade Festival.

2017 Sharonne Salaam an advocate for justice for over 40 years. Mother of Yusef Salaam, one of the Central Park 5, she is a founding member of “Justice 4 The Wrongfully Incarcerated” and organized a nine day walk from Harlem to Albany, NY, to introduce legislation on behalf of the wrongfully incarcerated and their families.

2018 Laura Case an advocate for the homeless for many years, Laura has been volunteering as the leader of Homeless Are People Too (H.A.P.T.) committee of Community Voices Heard, a group of homeless and formerly homeless Westchester residents pushing for better treatment and more housing the homeless can afford.

2018 Zeltzyn Sanchez a leader with the Sustainable Port Chester Alliance, an organization that works to empower residents to be involved in local issues affecting their community including development, affordable housing, local employment opportunities, immigrant rights and voting rights.

2018 Tomiko Morimoto West for using the trauma of surviving the U.S. nuclear bombing of her hometown Hiroshima in 1945 to dedicate her life to working for a more just and peaceful world with nonviolent resolutions of global conflicts.

2019 Cornell “Lord Judah” Carelock, hip-hop teaching artist in Westchester County, New York, with many years of experience as an artist and social justice leader, specializing in many evolving forms of creative expression through his company, Judah Bless Entertainment.

2019 JustLeadershipUSA, dedicated to cutting the US correctional population in #halfby2030. JLUUSA empowers people most affected by incarceration to drive policy reform, while recognizing that mass incarceration is one of the most significant domestic threats to the fabric of our democracy.

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2020 Sister Jean Fallon For her lifelong service with Maryknoll Sisters in pursuing peace with justice here and all around the world, including her work in Japan to end racism and labor exploitation and for her work in Israel/Palestine to end the military occupation.

2020 David Peters, LMSW For his work as a Social Worker, Child Welfare Advocate and Core Trainer for Undoing Racism with the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond. David is also the founder of New RoAR, New Rochelle Against Racism.

2020 Noah Wagner For their work as an organizer with If Not Now, a movement of young Jews working to end the Jewish Community's support of the Israeli Occupation of the Palestinian Territories.

2020 Leah Alper For her leadership role within If Not Now and for her continued work for the freedom and dignity for all people.

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Congratulations

to Anne Jaffe Holmes

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All Our Best,
The Board of FCWC



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**Congratulations to all WESPAC's awardees
and thanks to Delia
for participating in our crucial work.**



**Congratulations to WESPAC and its Honorees
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***The Elias Foundation congratulates
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TO ANNE, DELIA & RUBY
FOR ALL YOU DO
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xoxoxo, Nikki Coddington

Thank you WESPAC for always taking on causes 10 or 20 years before they become popular!

The nation follows WESPAC'S LEAD

and congratulations to your honorees

**Anne Jaffe Holmes
Delia Marx and Ruby Olisemeka**

for also being visionaries and for leading by example

PAUL FEINER

Greenburgh Town Supervisor

**Congratulations to the
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Congratulations, Ruby!

We are honored to be working with you, and to support your vision, to bring nourishing, farm fresh, organically grown foods to the people of Mount Vernon and to communities throughout Westchester.

**With love and congratulations,
Henry and all your GFF friends,
supporters, and fellow farmers**

**GOOD FOOD
FARMERS
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**Providing home delivery of organically grown,
farm fresh foods to families throughout Westchester.**

**Farmer Owned  Farmer Grown
www.GoodFoodFarmers.com**





Divest NY is proud of our wonderful colleague,

Delia Marx,

and congratulates her on the occasion
of this well-deserved honor!



Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, New York
Featuring the Charism for the Life of the World

**Congratulations to the
WESPAC 2021 Award Winners**

The Blauvelt Dominican Sisters congratulate

Ruby Olisemeka,

Delia Marx

and

Anne Jaffe Holmes.

We are grateful for the outstanding leadership of WESPAC
in the vital work for justice.

Delia,

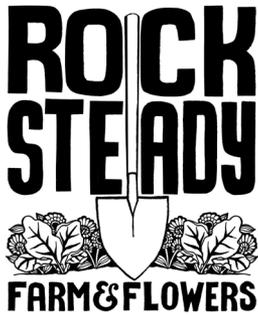
Thank you for always bringing your passion for justice, your incisive questions, your willingness to challenge yourself and try new things, and your infectious laughter to our work together.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Your friends in the NYS Community Equity Agenda Coalition.





A huge thank you to **Ruby Olisemeka-Gibbs** and all of the community at The Free People's Market! Thank you for your love of our produce, dedication to food access, and respect for all the hard work of farming, especially as BIPOC and LGBTQ+ farmers. Your vision and dedication to food justice mean so much to us. In 2020 you helped us realize the impact our food had on the people of Mt. Vernon. You helped us understand how important it was to keep fundraising to make more food available to people who both really valued that food, as well as needed it!

WE LOVE & RESPECT YOU RUBY!

Yours truly, all of the Rock Steady Farmers



DEAREST ANNE,

THANK YOU FOR SHARING WITH US YOUR DEEP WISDOM, "CAN-DO" PASSION, RESILIENCE, INTEGRITY, PATIENCE AND SENSE OF HUMOR.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO EDUCATE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, YOUR AMAZING DEDICATION TO GREENING INITIATIVES IN OUR VILLAGE AND BEYOND, AND FOR EMPOWERING OTHERS TO TAKE STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

YOU MODEL THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD.

YOU ARE TRULY A WONDERFUL INSPIRATION TO US ALL!



The Irvington GPTF & Food Scraps Team

**Mount Vernon United Tenants
congratulates all the 2021 WESPAC Honorees!**

MVUT is a member of [Tenants and Neighbors](#), a statewide grassroots organization that harnesses tenant power to preserve at-risk affordable housing and strengthen tenants' rights in New York.

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*The Greenburgh Human Rights Advisory
Committee is thrilled that our member
Delia Marx is being recognized by
Wespac for her contributions to social
justice in Westchester.*

*Congratulations to Delia and all of
tonight's honorees.*

*We thank WESPAC for continuing its
pioneering role in championing social
justice.*

*GHRAC advises our town government and
advocates for its residents on human rights
issues. If you would like to get involved
message us on our facebook
page: [Facebook.com/GreenburghHumanRights](https://www.facebook.com/GreenburghHumanRights)*



Congratulations/Felicidades

Delia Marx

**For your work and dedication
to WESPAC**

Noël Colaneri and Family



Congratulations to the 2021 WESPAC Awardees

ANNE JAFFE HOLMES

DELIA MARX

RUBY OLISEMEKA

Thank You

For Your Tireless Efforts on Behalf of Peace with Justice

Howard Horowitz

Member, WESPAC Foundation Board

and

Alisse Waterston

author of the graphic novel

Light in Dark Times: The Human Search for Meaning

In a time when many of us struggle with the feeling that we cannot do enough to change the course of the future, this *Light in Dark Times* asks us to envision and create an alternative world from the one in which we now live.



Congratulations
to WESPAC's
2021 awardees
from
Ron and Julie Carran

Thank you all
for your very important work!



**The MLK Institute's mission is to advance racial equity
for all our communities by educating youth and adults
in nonviolent activism for justice.**

**The Board of Directors and friends
of the MLK Institute for Nonviolence
appreciate WESPAC and each of today's honorees
for your contributions to social justice.**

 **MLK Institute**
Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence



War Resisters League

Resisting War at Home & Abroad since 1923

WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2022 FISCAL YEAR



Sharing some WRL "pie" with you on your birthday! Congratulations on 47 years, WESPAC!

"The War Resisters League affirms that war is a crime against humanity. We therefore are determined not to support any kind of war, international or civil, and to strive nonviolently for the removal of all causes of war, including racism, sexism and all forms of exploitation."

Ruby and Anne's projects

are impactful, inspiring, hopeful, and uplifting.

Our community is profoundly grateful for all you do
to help create the healthy, sustainable,
and inclusive world we want to live in.

Congratulations!

Laurie Evans

Congratulations Delia!

Thank you for your inspiration, dedication
and all you do to create a new reality

*Another world is not only possible, she is on her way.
On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.*

—Arundhati Roy

Jill and Charlie

The Walkabout Clearwater Chorus and Coffeehouse Congratulates WESPAC on leading the struggle in Westchester since 1974!

Walkabout Clearwater:

Second Saturdays, October through May

The Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse -

Our 33rd season will be opening in October., hopefully in person but vitrually if still restricted.

Check our website for updates and for our full 2021-2022 schedule.

<http://walkaboutchorus.org/music/coffeehouse.php>

Ongoing throughout the year: Chorus performances at festivals, schools, concert halls, subway stations and more.

Facebook: Join the conversation!

with Connie Hogarth and Emma's Revolution at the
WESPAC Annual Dinner, April 2014



website: walkaboutchorus.org

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