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The Women's Advisors Program was established by Executive Memorandum No. 4, August 4, 1975, to promote equal rights for women, and to combat sexual stereotyping and systematic barriers to advancement. The Advisors strive to achieve these goals through advocacy, skill development workshops and information dissemination. The Women's Advisors Program is unique in its representation of women in city government.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Women's Advisors of New York City believes that domestic violence is such an important issue, that we are featuring three articles in this edition to assist in the ongoing challenge to prevent this crime.

Commission to Combat Family Violence

Because domestic violence destroys the lives of countless numbers of individuals and their children, in 1994 Mayor Rudolph Giuliani addressed domestic violence as a public health epidemic. Immediately upon taking office, Mayor Giuliani appointed the Commission to Combat Family Violence to develop a comprehensive strategy to fight domestic violence throughout the City.

The City has created unprecedented public education campaigns to increase public awareness, educate, prevent further violence and to provide services to victims in need. The City has reached millions of New Yorkers with posters conveying the message that domestic violence is a crime and harms children who witness the violence.

In September a new campaign was launched targeting our City's teenagers. Teen relationship abuse is one of the fastest growing types of domestic abuse in the nation. The campaign's message, "Relationship Abuse. Don't Settle For That", is being displayed throughout the City.

The City's efforts to help victims of domestic violence include: creating a comprehensive Police Department domestic violence strategy which includes dedicated domestic violence officers in each precinct and strict enforcement of pro-arrest policies; increasing the number of domestic violence shelter beds; creating the first 24 hour, 7 day,

toll-free dedicated domestic violence hotline; and treating domestic violence as a public health epidemic for the first time ever in the City and implementing a domestic violence protocol in every municipal health care facility.

For information about the Commission, or to receive teen relationship abuse posters, please contact a representative at the Commission at (212) 788-3156.

Victim Services

Victim Services is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to heal the wounds of violence and to prevent victimization. Victim Services helps over 60,000 domestic violence victims and their children each year, in courts, community offices, shelters, and on its hotline.

If you, or someone you know, are in an abusive relationship, Victim Services has resources that can help. **Call 1-800-621-HOPE (4673)** to speak to a counselor that can provide referrals to programs in your community or somewhere you'll be safe. Victim Services is also conducting a series of workshops focusing on family violence during October. Call Samuel Aymer at (212) 577-1277 or Heather Kravitz at (212) 577-8291.

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Defeating Domestic Violence

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani

New York City Rises to the Occasion

New York City's overall crime reduction—a drop of 44 percent over the last three and a half years—is good news for the entire city. It's good news because we feel safer on the streets than we did before, and because thousands of people have been saved from becoming victims of violent crime.

But as we talk about being safe in the streets, we cannot neglect another place where people all too often are made to feel afraid—in their own homes. Domestic violence puts women and children at risk, destroys the sanctity of the home, and tears families apart. Across the nation, around six million women are victims of domestic violence every year, and more women are injured as a result of domestic violence than by any other cause. Without a doubt, this is one of the most difficult and serious problems we face as a city.

For the past three and a half years, the City has been committed to bringing the problem of domestic violence into the light. This means raising awareness, mobilizing prevention efforts, and improving treatment. It also means encouraging involvement from all sectors of the community. Recently, I announced the start of two new programs that we hope will offer further hope to victims of domestic violence.

I joined with AmeriCares and Beth Israel Hospital as part of a new program to provide plastic surgery to women who have suffered from domestic violence abuse. By treating the visible reminders of their abuse, the hospital hopes to help women deal with their emotional scars as well. This program, one of the first of its kind in the country, is a sensible, sensitive partnership between the public and private sectors.

I invited the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York and Victim Services to City Hall to initiate a three-year project designed to identify and treat victims of domestic violence and their families.

In 1994, the New York City Police Department entered a new era in approaching domestic violence crimes. We have approached spousal abuse and child abuse with newfound focus by improving the training of our officers, modernizing tracking strategies, and emphasizing proactive, problem-solving tactics that both enforce the law and deter family violence. We also treat domestic violence perpetrators appropriately—as criminals. Arrests for domestic-violence related crimes increased 71 percent between 1993 and 1996.

If we stay focused on this task and remain committed to finding creative and sensitive solutions, we will significantly reduce domestic-violence, save women's lives, and make the future brighter for all our children.



October 19, 1997

On Sunday, October 19th, the third "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk sponsored by the American Cancer Society will take place. Making Strides is a 5-mile non-competitive fundraising event in which individuals and teams raise money for the ACS's breast cancer programs in research, education, patient services and advocacy. Last year, more than 8,000 walkers raised over \$800,000 to fight breast cancer.

The walk begins in the North Meadow, circling through Manhattan's Upper West Side. Striders are not required to walk the entire 5-mile route - it's crossing the starting line that counts.

Striders can enter the park from Central Park West at 100th Street, or from Fifth Avenue at 102nd Street. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., the program begins at 10:30 a.m., and the official start of the walk is 11:00 a.m.

For additional information and to find out about the Staten Island or Queens "Making Strides Against Cancer" walk, call your Agency's Women's Advisor or the American Cancer Society at 1-888-ACS-8899.

Women Writers Wanted

The Women's Advisors of New York City is looking for New York City Government employees who have had their work published. The work does not have to be career, or professionally-based.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge on "how to get your work published"

at a lunch-time seminar, contact

Cyd LeGrair-Clarke at

(212) 788-9448

Women in Cyberspace

This edition along with future editions of *the Advisory Advance*, can be downloaded from the internet.

<http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/women>

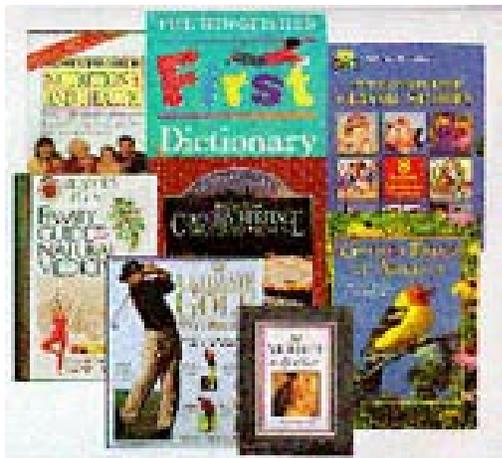
While you're there, be sure to visit the rest of NYC LINK™, the Official New York City Web Site. If you know of organizations that you would like us to "link" to, please see NYC LINK's Style Guide for their linking policy, then call or e-mail the Commission on the Status of Women. Have fun surfing!



Book Fair Proceeds Go Towards WA's Scholarship Fund

**October 22nd
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Municipal Credit Union
2 Lafayette Street, NYC**

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Women's Advisors of NYC Scholarship Award '97



The Women's Advisor's of New York City have created a Scholarship Fund to benefit women who are employed in New York City government by providing financial assistance as they seek educational opportunities which will enhance their municipal careers.

Eligibility - Applicants must be:

- full-time employees of New York City Government
- within two years of completing a degree in an accredited college within the five boroughs
- currently maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point average
- earning an annual salary of \$30,000 or less.

Requirements - Applicants must submit the following:

- Application form
- Current transcript
- Essay - A typed essay of 500 to 700 words should include future goals, career aspirations and how this scholarship will be of assistance.

An interview and proof of salary will be required of selected finalists.

Scholarship Amount

A Scholarship of **\$250** will be awarded.

Number of Awards

A maximum of two scholarships will be awarded at the December 1997 Women's Advisors Award Ceremony.

Duration

One year; scholarship awards are not automatically renewable, but recipients may reapply,

Where to Apply

For further information contact:
Cyd LeGrair-Clarke - (212) 788-9448
Gloria Parker - (718) 391-1776

**This is an excellent opportunity to help further your education.
Call today for your application!**



Women's Events Calendar October 1997

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Italian American Heritage & Culture Month

- 10/ 1 **Workplace Education Day on Domestic Violence**
Look out for information tables at your workplace.
for information call Victim Services (212) 577-7700
- 10/ 4 **Latina Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening Event**
For information call (212) 545-0260
- 10/ 4 **Volunteer Training Course to Support Rape Victims**
1st of 10 sessions held in Queens and Manhattan emergency rooms.
Men and Women call for more information (212) 241-5461
- 10/ 5 **"1997 SHARE-A-WALK"** Four mile benefit walk for Breast
and Ovarian Cancer-Central Park-SHARE (212)719-0364
- 10/ 6 **"Update on Hormone Replacement Therapy"**
Lecture by Susan Wolf, M.D. To register call 1-800-420-4004
- 10/ 6 **"Female Genital Mutilation: A Ritual in Question"**
Gloria Steinem and others, 92nd St.Y-\$18-(212) 996-1100
- 10/ 7 **"Women in Family Business" Forum**
The Family Business Council of Greater NY (212) 684-7144
- 10/ 8 **Seminar on Occupational Ergonomic Disorders**
Including Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, NY Greater Safety Council (212) 696-9020
- 10/13 **"18th Annual Salute to Women in Sports"**
The Women's Sport Foundation, Manhattan-(212) 921-9070
- 10/16 **Nat'l Abortion & Reproductive Rights Action League**
Benefit Breakfast-Plaza Hotel, call (212) 245-6570
- 10/16 **"Triumph of Love" (Musical) Annual Theater Benefit**
To Benefit Women's City Club of New York (212) 353-8070
- 10/19-
10/25 **"Third Annual Week Without Violence"**
YWCA's locally & throughout the nation, call (718) 875-1190, x207
- 10/19 **"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" 1997**
See inside panel for more information, or call 1-888-ACS-8899
- 10/20 **"2nd Annual Awards Ceremony and Reception"**
Asian Women in Business, call (212) 868-1368
- 10/21 **"In Celebration of Women: The Gildersleeve Exhibit"**
Followed by lecture: "African Feminism and Creativity"
Barnard Center for Research on Women (212) 854-2067
- 10/22 **Book Fair Scholarship Benefit-NYC Women's Advisors**
Municipal Credit Union- 2 Lafayette St. (212) 788-9448
- 10/22 **"3rd Annual Gilda's Club Comedy Gala"**
Gilda's Club benefit for cancer support services (212) 921-9070
- 10/23 **NARAL/NY PAC's 14th Annual Benefit Auction**
Manhattan, advance tickets \$50, call (212) 343-0114
- 10/29 **Girlspeak '97- NYC Commission on the Status of Women**
Speakout event for girls ages13-19, call (212) 788-2738
- 10/30 **"Our Parents and Ourselves: Aging and Transformation"**
Panel discussion, Crystal Quilt (212) 941-4994
- 10/30 **"Fabulous Film Women: Mae West"**
Showing of *She Done Him Wrong* and *Go in' to Town*
Barnard Center for Research on Women (212) 854-2067

For the entire Women's Events Calendar for 1997-1998
Visit the Commission on the Status of Women's homepage at:
<http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/women>

Women's Advisors Sixteenth Annual Awards Ceremony

December 1st, 1997 marks the Women's Advisors Sixteenth Annual Awards Ceremony. These awards honor women or men, individuals or groups who have made substantial contributions to the advancement of women in City government. Individuals will be honored in the following categories:

**OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL FOR WOMEN
IN CITY GOVERNMENT**

OUTSTANDING WOMEN'S ADVISOR

**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO WOMEN
IN CITY GOVERNMENT**

**OUTSTANDING PERSON OUTSIDE NEW
YORK CITY GOVERNMENT**

"EDYTHE W. FIRST AWARD"

Be a part of this year's awards ceremony by completing and submitting the nomination form. Look for the 1997 Awards Nomination Forms now available through your agency's Women's Advisor.

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