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“TO SERVE, EDUCATE, AND EMPOWER OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY”

Building The Bridge
La Construcción Del Puente

TENDER STEPS OF NEW YORK, INC.
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ABOUT US

Tender Steps of New York, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2014 by Evelyn Bautista-Miller, LMSW, SDA

OUR GOAL

To provide quality bilingual (English/Spanish) Social Work, Advocacy and Case Management services to better serve families within the Rockland County and surrounding areas.

WHO WE ARE

Lead personnel of TSONY, Inc. come from humble backgrounds and we are committed to ameliorating social conditions that negatively impact the livelihood and well-being of individuals, families, and communities that include but are not limited to inequity in education, intimate partner violence, challenges due to language barriers, and citizenship status concerns. We are creating partnerships that will increase and strengthen our reach as we continue to launch many meaningful and essential programs that will allow us to continue making a difference.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to serve families through case management, advocacy, and providing quality bilingual social work services in an effort to bridge the language barriers within communities.

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President & Founder of Tender Steps of New York, Inc.

Dear TSONY Community, Partners, and Friends,

The last few years have been challenging for all of us. Some of us have endured losses, life-altering changes, and other significant life shifts. Nevertheless, we have kept the faith and focused on how we can best serve our communities. Because of our donors, volunteers, and public support, we have been able to expand our programming and services rapidly to address the needs of our young people that were exacerbated by the pandemic.

As we prepare for our 9th Annual Visionary Luncheon Fundraiser, the theme for 2023 is “Serving, Educating, and Empowering Our Diverse Community.” Since our last fundraiser, we have initiated the following programs and events in our community to serve, educate, and empower:

Mentorship Program: This year, we were able to successfully launch our mentorship program, pairing students and junior professionals with more senior professionals. The outcomes of this program have been positive, and we look forward to growing this initiative in the future.

May 4, 2022- National Student ID Clinic: In collaboration with the Spring Valley Police Department and Spring Valley NAACP YAC, we assisted parents and guardians with completing National Student ID applications for their youth. We were able to assist parents with completing the forms in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole to ensure that everyone who needed an ID was able to obtain one.

March 11, 2023-S.E.E. (“Serve Educate and Empower”) Your Destiny Conference: For four hours at Rockland Community College, parents and youth ages 12-18 were able to attend insightful panels and workshops from members of the armed forces, independent business owners, and industry professionals in technology, law enforcement, and law. Our keynote speaker for this event was Michael Greco, a former United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York appointed by President Barack Obama.

This year, our fundraiser falls on April 29th, which the county has declared in 2018 to be TSONY Day. We expect this event to honor our partners, community, and our donors, as their unwavering support has allowed us to continuously provide and increase our services. Outside of Manhattan, Rockland County is the second-most charitable county in the state, and our ability to grow is a testament to how grateful we are for each donation.

We look forward to seeing everyone on TSONY Day this year.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evelyn Bautista-Miller'.

Evelyn Bautista-Miller, President and Founder

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Evelyn Bautista Miller, LMSW, SDA
Tender Steps of New York, Inc.
P.O. BOX 1151
New City, New York 10956

Dear Evelyn,

It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the crucial work Tender Steps of New York, Inc. is doing to support children and their families in Rockland County as you celebrate your 7th Annual Fundraiser Event. Your organization's focus on the challenges facing students and their families assists them immeasurably in overcoming the many difficulties they are facing.

The thoughtfully developed workshops the children and their parents are able to access builds the essential groundwork they need to succeed in school and life. Attending the workshops provides strategies on how to handle a myriad of real life situations. Bullying Management, Child Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Cyber Etiquette, Educational Advocacy, Effective Parent-Child Relations, Family Intervention, Life Skills for Independent Living, Management of Difficult Behaviors, Self-Esteem Workshop, and most important Trauma Support are the overwhelming evidence of the work you and your team are accomplishing in bringing these needed supports to the Rockland County community you serve.

I congratulate you and your team for this important work. Building concrete actions to influence the lives of children and their families when they are facing a crisis is both difficult as well as rewarding. Establishing protocols and concrete information as well as working with partners, i.e. schools, juvenile court systems, group homes and shelters for young teen parents represents your quest to influence the lives of our most vulnerable children. Tender Steps of New York is succeeding in their goal. On behalf of myself and the New York State Education Department, I thank you for the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa, Ed.D
Commissioner of Education and
President of the University of the
State of New York

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TSONY PAST HONOREES, KEYNOTE & GUEST SPEAKERS

1st Annual Fundraiser 2014

Welcomed guests and community

2nd Annual Fundraiser 2015

Keynote: Dr. Weldon Merrial McWilliams, IV

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sofia Bautista Pertuz

3rd Annual Fundraiser 2016

Honoree: Luis Niveló, Jacqueline Polanco-Fernandez, and Ana Vila

Keynote: NYS Board of Regents Chancellor, Dr. Betty A. Rosa

Guest Speaker: Kevin Lopez

4th Annual Fundraiser 2017

Honorees: Grant Valentine and Romel Alvarez

Keynote: Dr. Andrew K. Mandel

5th Annual Fundraiser 2018

Honorees: Pierre Oscar, Ramon Soto, Kim Foskew, and Sabrina Charles-Pierre

Keynote: Alicia Anabel Santos

6th Annual Fundraiser 2016

Honorees: Dr. Deborah L. Wortham, Chairman of Legislature Toney L. Earl
Assemblywoman Ellen C. Jaffee

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Keynote: Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker, the 25th International President of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and a Diamond Life Member

7th Annual Fundraiser 2021 Virtual

Honorees: Michael Miller, Founder of C.U.P.O.N, Victoria Shaw, Wellcore, INC.; Vivan Street, Community Leader and Activist; and Michael E. Smith, ERCSD Director of Fine & Performing Arts

Special Guests: Dr. Betty A. Rosa, Commissioner of Education and President of University of the State of New York; Meisha Ross Porter, New York City School Chancellor; Dr. Cindy Bautista-Thomas, Co-Founder Velocity Visions, INC.; and Dr. Sandra Ortiz, Pediatrician

8th Annual Fundraiser 2022

Honorees: Hon. Ken Zebrowski, NYS Assemblyman District 96; Nanette Morris-Tucker, Manager, Good Counsel Homes Shelter; Terry Rodriguez, Community Advocate and Activist; and Elizabeth Sanitago, CEO, Center for Safety and Change

Keynote: Hon. Edwin J. Day, Rockland County Executive

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Honorees::

Sonia Cairo, Executive Director of Keep Rockland Beautiful, Rockland County, New York, Martin Coleman, Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center Spring Valley, New York, Dr. Frances Pratt, Emeritus President of the Nyack NAACP Branch, Rockland County, New York, Honorable Mondaire L. Jones, Former U.S. representative in New York's 17th congressional district (Central and Northwestern Westchester County and Rockland County) from 2021 to 2023, Hope Lyzette Newton, Program Officer, Community Partnerships at Redlich Horwitz Foundation, New York, New York, Nathalie Riobe-Taylor, For Our Kids NY, Inc., CEO, Rockland County, New York, Henry Rubio, President, Council of School Supervisors and Administrators (CSA), NYC & Vice President of the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA), NYS, Daniel Sullivan, Manager, TD Bank, Rockland County, New York

Guest of Honor Dr. Betty A. Rosa, Commissioner of Education & President of the University of the State of New York

Keynote: Dr. Frances Pratt

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9th Annual Visionary Luncheon Tender Steps of New York, Incorporated

Music.....DJ Woodz

Acoustic Guitarist..... Shane McCaughey

360 Video Booth (Middle Room)..... Salvant Entertainment

Raffle Purchases, Middle Conference *“Dr. Pratt Hall of Blessings”*

Welcome.....Evelyn Bautista-Miller, President & Founder

Opening RemarksDr. Sandra Ortiz, MD, Vice President

Invocation.....Rev. Dr. Brandon McLaughlin, Pastor, St. Charles A.M.E. Church

Musical Selection..... *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”* Boncellia Lewis by James
Weldon Johnson, *Accompanied by Yozo Yokoshim*

Literary Performance *“A Better Me”* and *“You’re Just Too Much”*Dr. Lindamichelle Baron,
Poet Laureate of Hempstead, Long Island, Professor, Director of Africana Studies, York College

Acknowledgment of Guests & OrganizationsDr. Audrey Baker, Board Member

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Frances Pratt, President Emeritus of the Nyack Branch of
NAACP.....Djenane Griffith, Treasurer

Guest of Honor: Dr. Betty A. Rosa, NYS Commissioner of Education & President of the
University of the State of New YorkDr. Audrey M. Baker, Board Member

LUNCHEON We Respectfully Ask You to Refrain From Talking During the Presentations

Special Award Presentation from Elected Officials.....Evelyn Bautista-Miller, President

Honorable Alan M. Simon, Village of Spring Valley

Honorable Ed Day, County Executive of the Town of Ramapo

Honorable Robert D’Amelio, West Haverstraw Superintendent

Honorable Toney L. Earl, Rockland County Legislator District 8

Honorable George Hoehmann, Supervisor of Town of Clarkstown

Honorable Jay Hood, Rockland County Chair

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Honorable Mike V. Lawler, NYS Assembly Members, District 17

Honorable Aney Paul, District 14 Legislator

Honorable Howard T. Phillips, Jr. Supervisor of the Town of Haverstraw

Honorable Kenneth P. Zebrowski, NYS Assembly Member, District 98

Introduction of the 2023 Honorees

Honoree by **Sonia Cairo** Rachel Schlegel, Secretary, Board Member

Honoree **Martin Coleman** Dr. Sandra Ortiz, MD Board Member

Honoree **Mondaire L. Jones**..... Evelyn Bautista-Miller, President & Founder

Honoree **Hope Lyzette Newton**..... Dr. Audrey M. Baker, Board Member

Honoree **Dr. Frances Pratt** Dr. Sandra Ortiz, MD, Vice President

Honoree **Nathalie Riobe-Taylor** Dr. Rosa Yolanda Pineda, Board Member

Honoree **Henry Rubio**..... accepted by CSA First Vice President Dale Kelly..... Evelyn Bautista-Miller, President & Founder

Honoree **Daniel Sullivan**..... Michenson Joseph, Board Member

Musical Selection..... " *Pennies From Heaven* " sung by Boncellia Lewis,
Accompanied by Yozo Yokoshim

Acknowledgment of 2023 Graduates & Mentees..... Michenson Joseph, Board Member

Dahlia Chacon, 2nd Master's

Kerry Louis, High School

Soraya Miller & Jonathan Griffith, 8th Grade

Reflections of Mentoring Program by Kerry Louis..... Michenson Joseph, Board Member

Acknowledgment of Mentee Cristina Tobar-Gabriel..... Alexandra Thomas, Columbia University Intern

Closing Remarks Evelyn Bautista-Miller

Music..... DJ Woodz

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Thank you for your continued support. In addition to providing services for parents, youth, and other people in need, we have also included programming that provides community resources due to the pandemic. Please see below the many ways that we have continued to engage the community:

- 1) We continue to support the following local shelters in our community: Good Counsel Homes, Center for Safety and Change, and The Martin Luther King Multipurpose Center.
- 2) In 2017, we collaborated with the Naomi Program of Excellence (NPE) to renovate the hallway, family room, and dining area for the children in the Good Counsel Homes shelter.
- 3) In 2017, TSONY, Inc. transported and delivered 20 donated televisions from the Paramount Hotel (Manhattan) to the Emergency Family Shelter (Pomona Family Shelter), Good Counsel Homes, Jawonio Group Home, and Jawonio Preschool. TSONY, Inc. provided remote controls along with the donation of televisions.
- 4) In 2017, we facilitated an all-day Parent and Youth Conference for the community at Rockland Community College.
- 5) My Brother's Keeper" series at Spring Valley High School was held this Saturday, June 2, 2018. Parenting workshops.
Topics covered.
 - 1) Ways to be emotionally supportive to your children
 - 2) Ways to help your children make better decisions

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- 6) We facilitated the “5 E’s of Parenting” workshop for both the East Ramapo Central School District (in collaboration with the Naomi Program of Excellence) and the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center to assist educators, families, and support systems with youth involvement.
- 7) We facilitated a webinar in 2020 titled, "Redefining C.O.V.I.D.: Courageously Overcoming In a Viable and Innovative and Determined Way” to provide coping strategies during the pandemic.
- 8) In 2020, we facilitated a workshop titled "Navigating the Virtual Space with Your Child and What You Should Know" to provide Google Classroom tutorials for parents and inform them of cyber safety while online learning.
- 9) Since 2020 and currently, TSONY, Inc. has co-sponsored the “Breakfast with Santa” event with the IMANI Foundation.
- 10) We have facilitated parenting workshops for Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) within the elementary schools in the East Ramapo Central School District and at shelters, Emergency Family Shelter, also known as the Pomona Family Shelter, and the Good Counsel Homes in Spring Valley, New York.
- 11) TSONY, Inc. participated in the Women's History Month- Mosaic of Parenthood event at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in 2021.
- 12) We facilitated a virtual workshop in March 2021 titled "Where We Are Now With COVID-19", to discuss the impact of mental health in our communities. This event was facilitated by our board member and pediatrician, Dr. Sandra Ortiz, and our Founder and President Mrs. Evelyn Bautista-Miller, LCSW.
- 13) We facilitated a virtual workshop on May 24, 2022, titled "Two years of life, loss and Lessons", to discuss the impact of mental health within our communities with our board members. Michenson Joseph, MSW, and our Founder & President, Evelyn Bautista-Miller, LMSW.

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Community Advocacy

- 1) In 2018, TSONY, Inc. advocated for the local library in Rockland to return to the same library system as the entire county to ensure that city residents maintain equitable access to library resources as residents of the county. After a year and a half of advocacy, they joined the same system as the entire county.
- 2) TSONY, Inc. is currently sponsoring and mentoring students within the Rockland County and New York City area. We have also provided youth with community service opportunities to obtain hours.
- 3) We provide opportunities for community citizens to complete community service based on their court-imposed mandates.
- 4) We have provided opportunities for college interns to conduct field placement internships from the following colleges, Columbia University, Bronx Community College, Borough of Manhattan Community College, and Seton Hall with field placements within the Rockland County community and beyond.
- 5) TSONY, Inc. participated in representing the New York State School Social Worker Association (NYSSSWA) by advocating for a legislative bill in Albany that encouraged the employment of more social workers in school districts within New York State.
- 6) TSONY, Inc. advocated waiving a \$20 fee for local undocumented residents of Spring Valley Village school-age children to permit them access to enter school buildings without government-issued identification. Though we were informed that this fee is compliant with a set fee schedule within the Village, we do believe that this creates inequitable access for undocumented parents/guardians.
- 7) On May 4, 2022, TSONY, Inc. collaborated with the local police department and the Spring Valley NAACP to hold a clinic for local residents to assist in filling out a free National Student ID. This identification assists law enforcement with the search of school-age missing children. Residents were provided with assistance in both English, Haitian Creole, and Spanish. We plan on conducting another one at our Parent and Youth Conference.

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8) On October 1, 2022, TSONY, Inc. collaborated with Velocity Visions, Inc. and held our first Intention Setting & Vision Board Workshop for the Spring Valley Police YPI (Youth Police Initiative) group for teens from ages 10-18.

9) Executed a Parent and Youth Conference that was held at the Rockland Community College, on March 11, 2023, 9-12 p.m. Our theme this year was “S.E.E. Your Destiny” **S**erve, **E**ducate, and **E**mpower.

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Special Thanks

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