

**The New York Women's Foundation Honors
Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D., Dr. Angela Diaz, Verna Eggleston, and
Hon. Jonathan Lippman at 2017 Fall Gala**

New York, NY (October 03, 2017) – The New York Women's Foundation honored four leaders from the fields of philanthropy, health and criminal justice at its 2017 Fall Gala at The Plaza on October 2. The honorees, **Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D., Dr. Angela Diaz, Verna Eggleston**, and **Hon. Jonathan Lippman**, have excelled in their respective fields and by doing so, have dedicated themselves to making New York City and the nation a better place for women and families.

Approximately 300 guests attended the celebration supporting The Foundation's mission to achieve sustained economic security and justice for New York City's undeserved women and girls. Grantee partner **LaDeamMa McMoore**, a member of the Coalition for Women Prisoners at the Correctional Association of New York, spoke about her experience as an incarcerated survivor of domestic violence and the education and leadership training that she received from the Correctional Association, supported by The New York Women's Foundation.

Poppy Harlow, CNN Newsroom Co-Ancor, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Among the evening's highlights was a special performance by the **Opera Collective**, a group of singers seeking to make opera accessible to the public by performing in New York's subway stations.

Ana Oliveira, President and CEO of The Foundation, said, "**Dr. Emmett Carson, Dr. Angela Diaz, Verna Eggleston**, and **Judge Jonathan Lippman**, the 2017 gala honorees of The New York Women's Foundation, share a deep commitment to economic and social justice. We are grateful to them for their determination to transform the lives of women, girls and families throughout New York."

Dr. Carson, CEO of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, was recognized for his exemplary leadership in philanthropy and his commitment to bettering the lives of those in need. **Abigail Disney**, documentary filmmaker, philanthropist, activist, and Honorary Chair of The New York Women's Foundation presented his award.

Dr. Diaz, Professor and Director of the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center, was honored for her crucial work helping vulnerable young people learn to care for themselves, make healthy informed choices, and reach their full potential. **Jessica Gonzales-Rojas**, Executive Director of National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health presented her award.

Ms. Eggleston, head of the Women's Economic Development initiatives at Bloomberg Philanthropies, was recognized for her dedication to human and social development, both in her storied career in government, serving under three mayors, and in the private sector. Former Mayor of New York City and Founder of Bloomberg L.P., Mayor **Michael Bloomberg** presented the award to her by video.

Judge Lippman, Chairman of the Independent Commission on NYC Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform and former Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, was honored for a lifetime of championing equal access to justice. He is

currently Of Counsel in the Litigation & Trial Department of Latham & Watkins' New York office. **Mary McCormick**, President of the Fund for the City of New York presented his award.

The event was co-chaired by **Kwanza R. Butler, Anne E. Delaney, Cathy and Walter Isaacson, Michéle and Jason Penzer** and **Jean and Martin Shafiroff**.

Lilliam Barrios Paoli, Senior Advisor to the President at Hunter College; **Anthony Romero**, Executive Director of the ACLU; **Mary Lu Bilek**, Dean of CUNY School of Law; **Marsha Cooke**, Vice President of CBS News; **Elsie McCabe Thompson**, President of the New York City Mission Society; and New York State Assembly Member **Rebecca Seawright** were among the notable guests at the 2017 gala.

The New York Women's Foundation is the largest women's grant making fund in the nation.

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