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Award: HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

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Beverly Roberts is President of the NAACP Parkchester Branch and a Gold Life member of the NAACP. Ms. Roberts has a long and impressive career in which she held the position of 1st Vice President, Chair of the Civic Engagement Committee, Chair of Women in the NAACP, as well as consultant to Special Projects.

A woman of great strength and character, Ms. Roberts, has been a dynamic community leader and an avid volunteer for almost 40 years devoting her time to advocate for human and civil rights of all people. Her spirit of servitude has been undaunted through her years of community work. Some of her most notable volunteer work over the years have included caring for premature babies, Cancer Care's—Look Good-Feel Good program. She has also counseled young adults and displaced workers on job search training, developed a workshop for visually impaired first time job seekers; taught young women proper etiquette, a literacy volunteer, sponsored activities in shelters for children, educated parents about the importance of child vehicle restraints and distributed hundreds of free car seats.

Ms. Roberts sense of community is far reaching; during the Hurricane Katrina aftermath, she worked tirelessly to bring a family from the Gulf Coast to reside in Parkchester with free accommodations for one year. She has also help educate students in Gambia, West Africa and is the found of Read to Me, Please.

Ms. Roberts is the recipient of several awards for outstanding leadership and service including NAACP Woman of the Year, NYS Assembly Citation, NYS Senate Proclamation, 7th Congressional District's Outstanding Public Service, NAACP National Thalheimer Award and the Parkchester Baptist Church Outstanding Leadership and Service.

Ms. Roberts lives by the creed "strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value".