

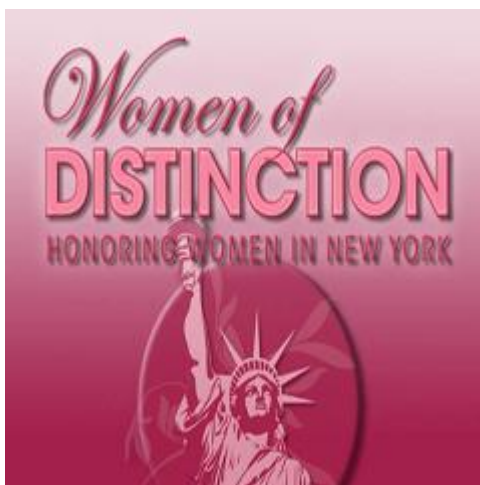


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Diane C. Ganz

**Award:** HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

**Year:** 2011

Diane C. Ganz has dedicated her time to enhancing the lives of children and families. A lifelong native of Queens, she continues to serve the Forest Hills community and District #28 public schools.

In 1996, Ms. Ganz entered the New York City public school system as an educator in early childhood classes and was later reassigned to educate special needs students at Public School #174, where she had been the Parent Association President.

Ms. Ganz's commitment to learning extends far beyond the classroom. In 1999 she assumed duties as an Educational Liaison with the United Federation of Teachers/Department of Education teacher centers in Queens. Under Ms. Ganz's leadership, her school received two union awards for service. During this tenure she was recognized for her guidance and leadership skills when presented with the Neil Shanahan Award.

Ms. Ganz's efforts have benefited several community organizations, including numerous Community School Board #28 committees to support teaching and learning. At the same time, she served as Parent Association President at her children's junior and senior high schools.

In addition, Ms. Ganz has been recognized as an outstanding member of her community and received various awards, including two New York State United Teachers Community Service Awards and the Council of Supervisors and Administrators Parent Leadership Award. In addition, Ms. Ganz has received the United Federation of Teachers Smallheiser Award for outstanding service to the borough's schools, an award from the Council for Exceptional Children and was acknowledged by Who's Who in American Education.

Ms. Ganz's commitment to families and children is truly inspiring. She continues to support her academic community by giving annual funds to the Career and College Office of Forest Hills High School, providing four scholarships to their graduates who demonstrate service and community spirit as well as two scholarships for civic responsibility at her former elementary school.