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## 2012 Women of Distinction: Honoring Women in New York: Angela Augugliaro

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with her husband, she raised three girls, and it was while her children were young that she became involved as a Parent Teacher Association board member and Girl Scout Brownie Troop leader.

Ms. Augugliaro's involvement with the Civic Association evolved because of her concern for the Bellerose community and its quality of life. She became co-president for the first time in 1984 when the civic association had no leadership and the neighborhood faced major reconstruction of Commonwealth Boulevard and the Cross Island Parkway. To date, Ms. Augugliaro has been president of Queens Colony Civic Association for 21 years.

During her tenure, Ms. Augugliaro fought to overcome many obstacles, such as the threat of being zoned out of School District 26. Through hard work and determination, she fought and won the right to remain within the district and won a down-zoning of R3A, which allows only one- and two-family detached homes. Because of her dedication to her community, Ms. Augugliaro was appointed as a Community Board 13Q board member in 1999. Two years later she became executive secretary and has been second vice chair for several years.