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## Senator Young Presented with the “Champion for Youth” Award by the Western New York Association of Youth Bureaus

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OLEAN – The Western New York Association of Youth Bureaus recently presented its “Champion for Youth” award to Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I- 57th District), recognizing her efforts to improve the quality of life for young people by enhancing services and support systems available through local youth bureaus.

Kaitlyn Bauer and Chloe Dunn, two members of the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Advisory Board, presented the award on behalf of the Association during a recent visit to Senator Young's district office.

"Our local youth bureaus are fantastic resources for young people. They empower them to succeed and offer an array of programs and activities that foster long-term success. The skills that are imparted build leaders in our schools and our communities, helping kids like Kaitlyn and Chloe advance academically and personally," said Senator Young.

"I am proud to champion programs that support our young people. It is an honor to be acknowledged by the Western New York Association of Youth Bureaus for having the best interest of our young people at heart," Senator Young said.

Jillian Gorman-King, President of the Western New York Association of Youth Bureaus and Youth Boards, said, "We chose Senator Young as the recipient of our first 'Champion for Youth' award because of her tireless advocacy for youth and families across New York State, especially those in Western New York. The Senator has always been very vocal in her support of youth and has followed through on her promises by not only keeping youth development funding from being cut but last year being an integral part of securing close to a half a million dollar increase in funding. We are eternally grateful for Senator Young's support and are glad she agrees with our message that 'Investing in youth just makes Cent\$.'"

Dr. Anthony Evans, Director of the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau and President of the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus, added, "It's a wonderful feeling to know that one's local and state legislators fully endorse one's departmental goals and initiatives particularly in regards to youth development and delinquency prevention. The State Association, the Western Region and the County Youth Bureau deeply appreciate their work and support on behalf of the over 1.5 million New York State children and youth that receive

direct services from a Youth Bureau on a daily basis. Senator Young has been a long standing supporter of our efforts and a strong advocate for children and youth in Albany and for that we all are grateful.”