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Annette Finch of Albion is a dynamic, dedicated and passionate advocate for low-income and disadvantaged families. She works diligently to provide programs, services, and opportunities that can enable all people to reach their highest potential.

Ms. Finch has worked for Community Action of Orleans & Genesee Counties since 1977, and because of her exceptional leadership skills, was appointed the organization's Director of Community Services in 1990. Her reputation as an outstanding administrator is a direct reflection of her love for and dedication to the individuals and families in her community

who are struggling to become self-sufficient. Among other things, she assists them with emergency services, job training, clothing, and transportation, while ensuring that all of Community Action's clients are treated with dignity and respect.

For 40 years, Ms. Finch has compassionately worked to initiate and develop life-changing programs through Community Action, including its garden projects, thrift store, care packages for veterans, school supplies for children, the annual holiday basket and coat drives. In addition, she has worked in conjunction with the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign and camp for low-income children, as well as the work release program through the Albion Correctional Facility to help teach life skills.

Ms. Finch has given her time, talent and energy to numerous local organizations over the years, serving as both an advisory committee and board member of the following: Orleans and Albion correctional facilities; the Village Recreation Committee for over 35 years; Treasurer of the Salvation Army Service Unit for Orleans County, where she has volunteered for 39 years; the Bereavement Committee for Holy Family Church; Genesee Community College; Job Corps; the statewide Angels in Action program; Food Link; and as Chairperson for Orleans County FEMA to name a few.

Ms. Finch has been honored for her community service with such awards as: Salvation Army Volunteer of the Year; Rosemary Fleming Memorial Award presented by the New York State Community Action Association; Orleans Chamber of Commerce Award for Community Service; Local American Legion Award for Continued Service; and a New York State Certificate of Recognition.

A true community leader, Ms. Finch is an exceptional woman whose life is a testimony to her devotion to others. She is truly an inspiration to the people and families she touches and the community in which she lives.