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## Senator Larkin Honors Elizabeth Rowley as 2018 Woman of Distinction

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Senator Bill Larkin (R-C-I, 39<sup>th</sup> Senate District) honored Elizabeth Rowley, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan yesterday evening, as a 2018 New York State Woman of Distinction.

“Elizabeth Rowley was chosen to represent the 39<sup>th</sup> Senate District as our 2018 Woman of Distinction because she, along with her team, have helped to improve the overall quality of life for residents throughout the Hudson Valley,” said Senator Bill Larkin. “Elizabeth is an

inspiration, not just to women, but to all of us. The work currently being done by the Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan has an impact on individuals from all walks of life, covering a wide range of issues. As Elizabeth continues in her career I know the impact she has on our community will grow along with her and I look forward to continuing our partnership in public service for many years to come.”

The New York State Senate’s Women of Distinction celebration showcases outstanding women living and working in New York State whose contributions have greatly enriched the quality of life in their communities and beyond.

“I want to thank Senator Larkin for this tremendous honor,” said Elizabeth Rowley. “Having the opportunity to come to Albany with my family and stand in the same halls with such accomplished women throughout the State of New York is truly humbling. This inspiring opportunity will stay with me for years to come and will continue to motivate me to work to improve our community here in the Hudson Valley.”

Elizabeth Rowley has been with the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan County since 2013, and currently serves as its President and CEO. There, she works with the Board of Directors, professional advisors and volunteers to plan, structure, implement and monitor an effective development program that will increase endowed and non-endowed assets, develop and maintain good relationships with nonprofit organizations and steward current and prospective donors.

During Ms. Rowley’s time with the Foundation and since its inception, charitable assets have grown to over \$28 million, with nearly \$10 million in charitable grants and scholarships from their 270+ funds distributed back into the community.

An Orange County native with a strong background in development, marketing and the nonprofit sector, Ms. Rowley worked at Inspire – Orange County Cerebral Palsy Association and the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club prior to joining the staff at the Community Foundation.

In 2004, Ms. Rowley graduated from Emerson College with a degree in Marketing and Communications, and is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Orange, obtaining her Certified Fundraising Executive certification in 2014. She serves as the Immediate Past-President of the Mid-Hudson Valley Association of Fundraising Professionals, is a Sustaining Member of Junior League of Orange County, a member of the Board of Directors of Safe Harbors of the Hudson, a Trustee on the Orange Regional Medical Center Foundation and a member of the Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Auxiliary.

Ms. Rowley currently resides in Newburgh with her husband, Bill Fioravanti, and their daughter, Mira.

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