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## Funke Announces Wendy Bleir-Mervis as Woman of Distinction for the the 55th District

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Senator **Rich Funke** announced Wendy Bleir-Mervis, Executive Director of Camp GoodDays and Special Times, as the 2015 Woman of Distinction for the Senate 55th District this weekend. The New York State Women of Distinction program honors women's history in the Empire State by recognizing outstanding leaders and everyday citizens from the present who are making a difference in the community. Wendy will join other Women of Distinction this evening at a reception in Albany recognizing them for their countless contributions to making New York a better place to live.

*"Wendy's work through Camp Good Days and Special Times has meant so much to children dealing with cancer and their families," said **Funke**. "I hope she continues the hard work at the camp for years to come and I am honored to select her for this recognition."*

Wendy began at Camp Good Days as a volunteer in 1991 as a lifeguard, then became a program Director, then Camp Director and Assistant Executive Director before taking on the busy job of Executive Director. Last year was especially stressful after Camp Good Days faced serious damage from flooding. Thanks to great community support and an amazing volunteer spirit, the cleanup and reconstruction was finished in time for another camping season.

*“For Rich to recognize all that we do at Camp Good Days and all that I do, I’m very appreciative,” said Mervis. “I would never have expected this in my wildest dreams to be recognized for this, so yes, I’m very surprised and honored.*

The Women of Distinction Contemporary Awards Ceremony will take place in Hearing Room B, Room 120 of the Well Area this evening, Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at five p.m. The Women of Distinction is a yearly award program. To nominate someone for the 2016 award, simply submit a 250 word or less biography of a nominee as well as a current address and contact information to Senator Funke’s District Office, 230 Packets Landing, Fairport, NY 14450. Nominations for 2016 will be accepted until April 1, 2016.

**Video link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4yGv4j5J7E>