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Award: HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Year: 2013

Emmlynn L. Taylor has exemplified the virtues of community service throughout her life and has made lasting contributions to organizations for the betterment of the public good.

The youngest of six children, Ms. Taylor was born in Haiti and emigrated to the United States with her family at age 10. She eventually went on to graduate from Northeastern University and was an active member of Alpha Kappa Alph, an organization dedicated to "Service to all Mankind."

An active volunteer, she is always among the first to raise her hand no matter the need or cause. Some of the organizations that benefit from Ms. Taylor's generosity include the JFK Rotary Club, the Community Activities for Epsilon Pi Omega Chapter at Northeastern, where she is the current Chair, The Carlton House and Make A Difference Christmas. In addition, she is involved with a number of community service projects, including the annual Christmas event at JFK Airport for children from area schools with various disabilities, NY Cares Day and coordinating Thanksgiving dinner for the children and families at P.S. 631 in Brooklyn who live in two homeless shelters near the school, to name a few!

For her hard work, commitment, dedication and service to her community, Ms. Taylor has received numerous awards and recognition including: a Paul Harris Fellow (Rotary Club), a 2009 Volunteer of the Year Finalist (Capital One Bank), a Special Recognition Award (UBC Feeding Program), and the Precious Pearl Award (AKA). She is also a member of the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE) and Convington Who's Who.

Currently, Ms. Taylor is a Donor Relations Associate at St. Francis College in Brooklyn – "The Small College of Big Dreams." She administers, creates and shares volunteer opportunities with the college's endowed scholars, helping to build a greater sense of community

awareness. She collaborates with the school's undergraduate leaders to educate and share with others the noble missions of various African-American fraternities and sororities. In 2012, she helped establish the college's first women's panel for Women's History Month with the African Cultural Club. Most recently, she aided in the coordination of a significant fundraiser for disaster relief established to help St. Francis students directly affected by Superstorm Sandy.

In her own words, Ms. Taylor states "the causes and people I support, I do so because I truly believe that it is our responsibility to help those less fortunate and in need, without expecting anything in return."