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## Senator Maziarz earns first-ever "Friend of YWCA of Niagara" Award

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Earlier this week the YWCA of Niagara bestowed Senator George Maziarz with the first-ever "Friend of the YWCA Award" in honor of his longtime support of the organization, particularly its domestic violence program.

Kathleen Granchelli, CEO of the YWCA of Niagara, said, "From the moment he took office in 1995, Sen. Maziarz has been a loyal friend and supporter of the YWCA of Niagara, specifically the domestic violence victims we serve in our shelter, transitional housing and counseling programs, as well as the residents of Carolyn's House, our supportive housing program for homeless women and children."

"Each and every year without fanfare," Granchelli continued, "Sen. Maziarz has worked diligently to help provide the necessary financial support that allows us to service an ever growing population of women and children fleeing domestic violence. On many occasions, state budget cuts have threatened to dismantle our Alternatives to Domestic Violence Program. Without his strong and steady support, both financially and through crucial legislation, Sen. Maziarz has enabled us to continue to provide the services that are truly life-saving."

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