

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR



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Award: HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Year: 2014

Andrea Curran sprung into action and helped the Lyndenhurst community following the devastating aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. Ms. Curran played a pivotal role as the manager of the grassroots hurricane relief effort known as Camp Bulldog, which became active in the first few days following Superstorm Sandy and operated continuously for six months.

During its operation, The Camp provided cleaning supplies, hot meals and information as well as much needed counseling and legal services to thousands of storm victims in Lindenhurst and the surrounding towns.

Ms. Curran's eff orts did not go unnoticed. Newsday called Camp Bulldog "one of the longestrunning and most successful post-Sandy volunteer relief eff orts on Long Island." Sustainable Long Island referred to it as "a beacon of comfort for friends, families and strangers…and a welcoming presence to the residents of one of the hardest hit areas of Long Island."

Ms. Curran acknowledges that the creation, growth, success and duration of Camp Bulldog would not have been possible without the deep humanitarian commitment of dozens of volunteers from all over Long Island or the generosity of businesses and people locally as well as from other states.

A community activist and leader, Ms. Curran has accepted several awards on behalf of Camp Bulldog, including: The Achievement in Community Service for 2013 Award from the International Association of Business Communicators; The Getting It Done Award at Sustainable Long Island's Seventh Annual Sustainability Conference and an Empire State citation from Gov. Andrew Cuomo at the 2013 New York State Conference on Emergency Preparedness.

A Lindenhurst native, Ms. Curran is a graduate of Lindenhurst High School. She went on to graduate from the State University College at Brockport and received a Master's degree from the State University College at Cortland. She taught physical education and coached several sports during a 35-year teaching career in the Lindenhurst District before retiring in 2011.

She and her husband, Bob, reside in West Islip and are the parents of three grown daughters.