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***Audrey Sparks Fussa***

Audrey Sparks Fussa was born in Hollis, Queens, and attended the New York City School of Performing Arts. After graduating from high school, she received a Certificate in Paralegal Studies from the School of Business Career and Training, and moved to Dallas, Texas, to accept a job. While in Texas, Ms. Fussa began volunteering as an advocate for women victims of domestic violence. She found her calling here, assisting women who felt helpless and hopeless find safety and security once more.

After living in Texas for more than 10 years, Ms. Fussa moved back to New York City and began work as a counselor for Women in Need. She continued to advocate for women and their children who suffered through domestic violence, helping them set goals and develop parenting skills, all while encouraging them to continue their education, obtain employment and find stable and affordable living accommodations.

Ms. Fussa served as former President of Urban Women Retreat for Domestic Violence, Inc., and has remained active as a board member for more than 20 years. A lifelong advocate for victims of domestic violence, Ms. Fussa collects toys from private donors each year so that children and their mothers can have safe and enjoyable holidays.

Ms. Fussa is involved in a number of community organizations, including Urban Women Retreat Domestic Violence, Mothers & Lost Children, the NAACP and the Guy R. Brewer United Democratic Club. Her tireless work on behalf of women and children is truly admirable and worthy of praise.

Ms. Fussa resides with her husband, Anthony R. Fussa, and their three dogs. She enjoys spending time with her sisters, nieces, nephews, volunteering, traveling, cooking, and most of all, helping others who have a need.