



# *Women of* **DISTINCTION**

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

*Leah Feldman*

Leah Feldman proudly serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Family Services. Starting with the agency in 2009 as a Domestic Violence Advocate, her journey to the CEO position has been marked by dedicated service, focused on improving lives and fostering a safer, more resilient Hudson Valley.

Ms. Feldman currently leads over 220 employees and directs the \$25 million-plus organization with 12 locations covering Dutchess, Ulster, and Orange counties, supporting the community through Behavioral Health, Victim Services, Youth Services, Family Programs, Prevention, Community Safety Programs, and the Family Partnership Center.

She has championed women's empowerment through her extensive work in addressing domestic violence. Ms. Feldman's key contributions, including collaborating with lawmakers, have resulted in legislative changes that have enhanced safety measures for victims. Her passion for fostering resilience and advocacy has earned her several awards, including the 2015 Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce "40 Under 40" recognition and the 2023 ATHENA Leadership Award. Ms. Feldman recently gained recognition for running 50 miles in one day to raise funds for Family Services, exemplifying her dedication not only to her role as CEO, but also to the broader mission of supporting families and communities in the Hudson Valley region.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Ms. Feldman's commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders is evident in her co-founding of "The Brave Project." This initiative empowers young girls, fostering discussions on pertinent issues, and promotes crucial life skills such as self-defense techniques and building healthy relationships.

In her personal life, Ms. Feldman balances her professional accomplishments with cherished moments spent with her family and two young children. She loves the outdoors, particularly hiking in the Hudson Valley.

Ms. Feldman hopes that her purpose-driven work focused on women's empowerment and community building continues to ignite hope and foster a more equitable society for generations to come.

***Leah Feldman was selected as a  
2024 Women of Distinction honoree by Senator Michelle Hinchey***

