



# Women of DISTINCTION

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## HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

*Sarah Woodside Gallagher*

Sarah Woodside Gallagher is a veteran of the entertainment industry. She has worked in commercial and documentary production, cable channel development, television, and feature films. Ms. Gallagher also found deep satisfaction in the greening of her Upper East Side Manhattan neighborhood.

Ms. Gallagher co-founded Upper Green Side, a non-profit organization dedicated to making the community more sustainable. Among its many activities, Upper Green Side sponsors two weekly Upper East Side greenmarkets, organizes regular volunteer gardening on the First Avenue bicycle islands, and cares for area street trees and tree beds. Under her leadership, Upper Green Side pioneered regular free community electronics recycling and paper shredding events (AKA "Shred-A-Thons"), and it is now in its second decade of publishing a weekly eco-friendly online neighborhood newsletter, *This Week at the Markets*.

Currently, Ms. Gallagher is working with other advocates to fully restore and expand the New York City community composting program, which teaches residents, schoolchildren, and businesses how to compost and why it's important to do so. She is determined to restore and increase the number of community compost collection sites on the Upper East Side.

Ms. Gallagher also serves on the Board of Directors of Friends of the East River Esplanade, the non-profit dedicated to restoring the crumbling East River Esplanade and enhancing the esplanade's public walking, running, and bike paths, boating access, fishing piers, landscaping, and community programming.

Nominated for several awards for her work in television, Ms. Gallagher attended the Fox Lane School and Smith College.

***Sarah Woodside Gallagher was selected as a  
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