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HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Donna Marano

Donna Marano is President of the West Islip Breast Cancer Coalition for Long Island (WIBCC), an organization committed to supporting individuals affected by breast cancer and promoting awareness within the community.

After serving on the Board of Directors for many years, in 2022, Ms. Marano assumed her current role. Under her leadership, WIBCC has continued its mission to provide assistance to those undergoing treatment and to advocate for cancer awareness through various educational programs and outreach initiatives. The annual Clam Shucking fundraiser has been held every August for the last 31 years and is attended by over 400 people for an afternoon of fun in the sun.

A dedicated community leader from West Islip, New York, Ms. Marano has a strong background in corporate leadership and volunteerism. With over 30 years of experience in the corporate sector, Ms. Marano has honed her skills in management and organizational development, which she now applies to her philanthropic endeavors.

Ms. Marano's commitment to community service extends beyond her work with WIBCC. She has been an active member of the Women of West Islip (WOWI), an organization dedicated to supporting local initiatives and recognizing the contributions of women in the community.

For the last eight years, Ms. Marano has worked in the fire service, not as a firefighter, but in the administrative area of the Copiague Fire District. She also volunteers with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, a national organization that assists and mentors firefighters and their family members diagnosed with cancer. Ms. Marano personally assembles materials and literature designed for firefighters and coordinates shipping them to these men and women throughout the United States and Canada.

In addition to her leadership roles, Ms. Marano has actively participated in various fundraising efforts and events aimed at supporting local causes. Her involvement includes organizing and contributing to events that benefit breast cancer patients and other community members in need.

Ms. Marano's blend of professional expertise and heartfelt dedication to volunteerism has significantly impacted the community. Her leadership continues to inspire others to engage in meaningful service, fostering a spirit of compassion and collective responsibility among residents.

Donna Marano was selected as a
2025 Women of Distinction honoree by Senator Alexis Weik