



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Marya Vande-Doyle

Marya Vande-Doyle and her husband used a bonus check in 2008 to create The Green Angels. Focused on helping children live healthier, happier, safer lives, they wrote a business plan and filed for nonprofit status. Ms. Vande-Doyle independently studied grant writing so she could grow the organization. The Green Angels have helped serve more than 1,000 children per year in the community. In fact, many of those the organization helped in the past have returned as volunteers to support the program, exemplifying the group's motto of "Giving Forward and Back."

Today, The Green Angels is a vibrant volunteer organization that helps children by collecting and delivering gently used items such as blankets, clothing, and toys. Partnership referrals come from schools and county offices. The organization also prints a community resource guide. When a young mom shared that she did not know where to go for help and that she would scrape soiled diapers and reuse them wet, Ms. Vande-Doyle was so moved that she created the free health and human services directory. With support from the Wayne County Rural Health Network and Rochester Area Community Foundation, more than 65,000 copies have been distributed since 2009. Ms. Vande-Doyle has built a solid foundation and positioned The Green Angels for future growth and success and is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization that employs a part-time associate and is led by an active and involved board of directors.

With remarkable compassion, Ms. Vande-Doyle dedicates countless hours along with her family to help community members, while also creating a powerful volunteer opportunity for hundreds. She is known to work tirelessly, sometimes driving late at night to rural homes with diapers and formula to help a mom in need.

Ms. Vande-Doyle grew up in Palmyra, moved away as an adult, and returned with her husband, Bill, and sons, Liam and Cylas, to be closer to family. She is a graduate of Palmyra-Macedon High School, has earned a Master of Health Administration degree, and is Director of Medical Services Program Development, Wellness, and Telemedicine at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield.

***Marya Vande-Doyle was selected as a
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