



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Nicole Dayka

Nicole Dayka is a Youth at Risk Coordinator for the Town of Hamburg and Hamburg Central School District, where she has positively affected the lives of hundreds of children and their families. As Co-President of the Parent-Child Connection, Coordinator of the Hamburg Youth Court and Chair of the Special Education PTSA for Hamburg Schools, Ms. Dayka has been instrumental in the school district, which is recognized as one of the most innovative in the country for its support of students who suffer from mental health issues.

As an intricate part of the community, Ms. Dayka is a volunteer shopper for the Warm the Children initiative, sponsored by the Hamburg Rotary, that provides new winter clothing for children in need. However, the impact of her commitment to serving the community extends beyond the borders of the Town of Hamburg. She is a member of the Family Advisory Council and active volunteer at Oishei Children's Hospital, and coordinates the Holiday Partnership for Southtown's Families, which provides gifts to children on Christmas morning. In addition, she is a board member of Colton's Journey to Liberation and serves on the Social Committee at St. Bernadette's Parish.

Ms. Dayka is no stranger to adversity, as her son, Carson, suffers from a chronic illness. The challenges associated with Carson's medical condition do not weigh them down. Instead, they inspired them to create the Carson Dayka Travel Fund, which supports the Ronald McDonald House and patients, as well as their families, traveling from out of town or to Oishei Children's Hospital for treatment.

Ms. Dayka serves on the Erie County Opioid Epidemic Task Force and the Rapid Evaluation Appropriate Placement (REAP) subcommittee, where she uses her experience as a mental health trainer to help combat the opioid crisis. As Vice-President of the Town of Hamburg Drug Free Community Coalition, Ms. Dayka runs the Helping Others Peacefully Endure (HOPE) support group for families who have lost loved ones due to addiction.

Ms. Dayka and her husband, Kevin, live in Hamburg with their two children, Alexa and Carson.

***Nicole Dayka was selected as a
2019 Woman of Distinction honoree by Senator Christopher L. Jacobs.***

