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HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Phyllis B. Frank

Phyllis B. Frank is a longstanding Rockland County feminist leader and is well known for her pioneering work in the LGBTQ+ community. In 1999, Ms. Frank organized and led the first-ever Pride event held in the lower Hudson Valley of New York, in Rockland County. In 2020, in her honor, the Center she helped create was renamed the Phyllis B. Frank Pride Center of Rockland.

Ms. Frank's work against domestic violence has included co-founding Rockland Family Shelter in 1979; today, she is active with the Center for Safety & Change and the NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and worked to create NOMAS – formerly the NY Model for Batterer Programs.

She has been an inspiring leader in the continuing fight for racial justice, and was honored by being elected to the Rockland County Civil Rights Hall of Fame. In 1996, Ms. Frank introduced the *Undoing Racism Workshop*, and in 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic, *Getting to the Root*, in Rockland County. More than 2,000 educators, human service providers, court personnel, and faith community leaders have participated in these groundbreaking experiences.

To this day, Ms. Frank works on issues as diverse as transgender awareness, sexual objectification of women, and redressing the injustices of a racially-biased Nation. She is a highly sought after, nationally-recognized speaker, trainer and consultant.

Ms. Frank serves as Chief Program Officer at the Center for Safety & Change in New City, New York, a trustee at Montefiore Nyack Hospital, an advisory board member of the Rockland Community Foundation, founding board member of Rockland's Pride Center and council member of National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS), to name but a few.

Ms. Frank is also a counselor/therapist in private practice in Nyack, New York. She is a devoted sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

Phyllis B. Frank was selected as a
2022 Women of Distinction honoree by Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick