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HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Vanessa Moschak

Vanessa Moschak is founder of the Binghamton Hospital Heroes Meals volunteer group, and an Assistant Principal at Broome-Tioga BOCES. Hospital Heroes is a meal delivery coordination effort that began in the early weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hospital Heroes strives to show solidarity and support for essential workers at the UHS and Lourdes Hospital systems in the Southern Tier.

Seven weeks after its inception, Hospital Heroes has already provided more than 5,000 meals and received more than \$6,000 in grants and donations, including winning a Southern Tier Tuesdays Grant, as voted by the community. What began as a modest act of kindness during an unprecedented health crisis has united an amazing alliance of volunteers and local businesses.

Ms. Moschak is currently a tenured Assistant Principal in the Preparation for Adult Living Success (PALS) Program at Broome-Tioga BOCES. Her career has been centered around supporting students with special education needs. Before transitioning to the role of Assistant Principal in the PALS program, she was a speech-language pathologist for nearly a decade. In her role as an administrator, Ms. Moschak focuses on building meaningful relationships and connections that extend beyond the school campus. This is evidenced by events such as the first PALS "Celebrating Abilities Night," which brought together local businesses and organizations that support the special education population in the community for an evening of fun, and the PALS Veterans Day Assembly, which incorporated American Legion Post 1645, the Twin Tiers Honor Flight, and local veterans.

Whether at work or in the community, Ms. Moschak is passionate about advocating, connecting, empowering, and supporting success in others. In her free time, she sits on the Board of Directors for the Discovery Center. She enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband, Steve, and their two young boys, Paxton and Owen. She always challenges herself to learn new things and is currently pursuing the art of vegetable gardening in her backyard.

She holds a Master's in Speech Language Pathology & Audiology from the University at Buffalo, SUNY and an advanced certificate in Educational Leadership from SUNY Cortland.

***Vanessa Moschak was selected as a
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