



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Varnese Ann Mims Molina

Varnese Ann Mims Molina (Ann) is the Town of Highlands' Senior Coordinator and has been the Executive Director of The Center of Highland Falls for the past five years. She has done extensive work with the Town of Highlands Community Coalition and the Orange County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council. She has said that volunteering keeps her feeling young and connected.

Ms. Molina served for 30 years in a variety of capacities and offices at Letchworth Village in Thiells, New York, touching the lives of their residents with developmental disabilities. She is known for both her ability to uplift others she helps while keeping the staff environment happy. She is the former recipient of the Town of Highlands Democratic Party's annual Evelyn Drew Memorial Award.

She founded the local volunteer organization, the Hudson Valley Women's Association and Friends. Their mission statement is "working together to celebrate those who give of themselves to their family, friends, and community, and to promote positive and influential community activities." She has led this group for over a decade, holding spring recognition breakfasts honoring professionals and volunteers in the community, as well as raising funds for college scholarships for local high school students. Through this organization, she has helped organize community activities, bus trips, prom dress sales for high schoolers, clothing drives, annual youth basketball tournaments, and cancer walks. She also coordinates deliveries for annual Thanksgiving dinner donations for those in need.

She is a lifelong resident of Highland Falls and earned degrees from both Long Island University and SUNY New Paltz.

Ms. Molina is a grandmother, mother of two, sister to two sisters and one brother, aunt to several nieces and nephews, and daughter.

***Varnese Ann Mims Molina was selected as a
2020 Woman of Distinction honoree by Senator James Skoufis.***

