

United Way Picks Executive Fellows

Twenty-three executive directors of New York City nonprofits embarked on United Way of New York City's new Executive Fellows Program at a two-day opening retreat held in Mahwah, NJ on October 16th and 17th. The nine month program is the latest initiative from United Way's Nonprofit Leadership Development Institute (NLDI).

"In today's competitive environment managing an agency requires a multitude of talents and skills," said United Way of New York City President and CEO Gordon Campbell. "In addition, executive directors are typically challenged to achieve maximum results with limited resources. For this reason it's so important for executive directors to have an opportunity to learn from each other."

Designed exclusively for executive directors of 501(c)3 organizations serving New York City, the Executive Fellows program combines individual 360-degree assessment, peer sharing and learning, exposure to subject matter experts, plus coaching and individual skills enhancement in a safe, confidential environment. Executives will observe changes in their perception and behavior as well as focus on building their talents and capitalizing on their strengths. Over the course of the nine months, one full-day program session will be conducted every three weeks at United Way's offices.

Members of the first class of Executive Fellows are:

- Nurah Amatullah, Executive Director, Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development;
- Janice Bonadio, Executive Director, Breast Treatment Task Force;
- John Brothers, Executive Director, Project Reach Youth;
- Pearl Chin, Executive Director, Chinatown Manpower Project;
- A. Forrest, Executive Director, AYA;
- Judith Goldberg, Director, Initiative for Women with Disabilities (at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases);
- Susan Hall, Executive director, Girls Quest;



- Amanda Kraus, Executive Director, Row New York;
- Danielle Moss-Lee, President, Harlem Educational Activities Fund;
- Stephanie Nilva, Executive Director, Day One;
- Amy Sananman, Executive Director, Groundswell Community Mural Project;
- Winette Saunders, Associate Executive Director, Agenda for Children Tomorrow;
- Julia Schwartz-Leeper, Executive Director, Riverdale Senior Services;
- Patricia Simon, Executive Director, Ocean Bay Community Development Corporation;
- Tracy Snyder, Executive Director, Metro International;
- Mitchell Taylor, President/CEO, East River Development Alliance;
- Aimee Thorne-Thomsen, Executive Director, Pro-Choice Public Education Project;
- Margarette Tropnas, Assistant Executive Director; Flatbush Haitian Center;
- John Udo-Okon, Executive Director, Word of Life Christian Fellowship;
- John Williams, Executive Director, Reel Works Teen Filmmaking;
- Elizabeth Williams-Riley, Executive Director, National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater New York;
- Helen Wu, Executive Director, New York Chinese Cultural Center; and,
- Caitlin Zampella, Executive Director, Families of September 11.