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YWCA CEO Helen Archontou Named One of New Jersey’s Most Powerful Women

Senator Loretta Weinberg’s 2019 Women Power List Recognizes New Jersey Influencers

December 30, 2019—YWCA Northern New Jersey is proud to announce that CEO Helen Archontou was named among The Powerful Women of New Jersey in Senator Loretta Weinberg’s 2019 Women Power List.

“My gratitude to Senator Weinberg for including me on the 2019 Women’s Power List,” says Helen Archontou. “I have great admiration for Senator Weinberg and all of the powerhouse women included. I’m inspired by all she does for the people of NJ, and incredibly grateful for the time she takes to lift up women in our state.”

This recognition comes at an important time in YWCA Northern New Jersey history in the organization’s 100th year of service. In 2019, under Helen’s leadership, the organization expanded its service area to additional northern NJ counties and changed its name to YWCA Northern New Jersey, now serving Essex, Hudson, Morris, and Passaic in addition to Bergen County.

Throughout her career, Helen has been an advocate and champion for the well-being of women, children, families, and communities. Since taking the helm in 2011, Helen’s focus has been to guide YWCA Northern New Jersey into its next century of living its mission to eliminate racism and empower women as well as support survivors and prevent sexual violence through healingSPACE, Bergen County’s only sexual violence resource center, and Time Is Now Action Coalition co-founded with Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle.

Helen is an adjunct professor at Montclair State University since 2005 in the School of Social Work. She is a sought after speaker in nonprofit and business sectors as well as by the media for her expertise on topics such as empowering women and girls to fulfill their goals, opening doors for women of color, advocating to achieve equality for all people, supporting survivors of sexual violence, and non-profit best practices. Helen engages, enlightens, and inspires diverse audiences, opening minds to insight and opportunity.

Contact Lori Murray at 201-345-1888 or lmurray@ywcanj.org to schedule a speaking engagement or interview.

About YWCA Northern New Jersey
YWCA Northern New Jersey is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting equality for all. We operate healingSPACE, Bergen County’s only Sexual Violence Resource Center (hotline: 201-487-2227), and are a leading provider of year-round child care, swim, and wellness programs. Our 100th year kicks off the expansion of our service area to include Essex, Hudson, Morris, and Passaic counties and our continued commitment to Bergen. We improve the lives of thousands of women, girls, and families with the generous support of our donors. Learn more by visiting ywcanj.org, following @ywcanj on social media, and downloading the healingSPACE app from your app store.

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