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2023
NEIGHBORHOOD
LEADERSHIP
AWARD

**Carina Kaufman-
Gutierrez**

Deputy Director,
Street Vendor Project

Carina Kaufman-Gutierrez brings experience in policy development, restaurants, and community organizing for equitable economic justice. At SVP she has worked to pass city legislation to reform the street vendor industry, pass state legislation to create a \$2.1 billion relief fund for excluded workers, and

initiated a food relief program during the pandemic that employed vendors to make healthy, culturally sensitive meals for distribution across the five boroughs. She has previously held positions at NYC Small Business Services, Community Service Society, and Fundación Corona. Carina holds a Masters in International Affairs and Urban Social Policy from Columbia University, and was recognized in City & State's Labor 40 under 40 in 2021.



2023 NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP AWARD

Althea Taylor

Executive Director,
Hour Children

Dr. Alethea Taylor, RhD, CRC most recently a distinguished lecturer with Hunter College School of Education in the department of Educational Foundations and Counseling. Dr. Taylor also served as the Executive Director with Greenhope Services for Women, helping women with substance use and mental health disorders who were formally incarcerated. She has 27 years of professional experience including management coaching, staff development, university teaching, serving women and

youth, and providing advocacy within the criminal justice community. In 2013, Dr. Taylor was selected as a Fellow of the New York University's Research for Leadership in Action's inaugural IGNITE Fellowship for Women of Color in the Social Sector. Dr. Taylor has served as an adjunct professor at New York University, NYACK College, and The College of New Rochelle teaching courses such as research methods, statistics, career counseling, and medical aspects of disabilities.

Dr. Taylor is a committee member of The Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform, serves as a member of the Correctional Association of New York's advisory council, and with The New York Women's Foundation on their Justice Initiative. Dr. Taylor received her Doctor of Rehabilitation from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, her Master's Degree from New York University, and she is a certified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor.



2023 SPIRIT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

Yanki Tshering

Executive Director,
Accompany Capital

Yanki founded Accompany Capital in 1997 as a department of NYANA. Accompany Capital creates a pathway to prosperity for New York area immigrant, refugee, and underserved entrepreneurs, supporting them as they launch and grow their businesses with access to affordable credit, financial education, training in technology, and best business practices. With over twenty years of experience in developing and implementing economic development programs, her leadership was key as Accompany Capital transitioned

into a new and independent entity. In 2012, Yanki was honored by Mayor Michael Bloomberg with the American Dreamer Award in the Business Leader category for her contribution to improving the lives of newcomers to the city. In 2016, she was honored by the Lawyers Alliance for New York for her leadership in community service.

Living in Tibetan refugee communities in India and Nepal for many years, Yanki came to the U.S. in 1986. She has a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University with a specialization in Economic Development and South Asian Studies. She is a former board member at Credit Builders Alliance (CBA), is currently a board member at NYS Coalition of CDFIs, and on the Advisory Board of the New York City Neighborhood Capital Corporation, NYCEDC, a program that makes low-interest loans to community development projects in low-income communities in New York City.



2023
NEIGHBORHOOD DINNER
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

Irma Rodriguez

Executive Director
Queens Community House

Irma Rodriguez served as Executive Director of Queens Community House from 2008 to 2015; prior to that, she spent 25 years as the organization's Associate Director. Queens Community House is a multi-site settlement house serving the diverse populations of Queens through a combination of social services, educational advancement, advocacy, and leadership development.

During Irma's time at Queens Community House (QCH), it grew from a locally-serving community center into a borough-wide organization with 25 sites in 11 neighborhoods and serving 25,000 children, families and older adults. Under her guidance, QCH developed a particular

expertise in organizing, neighborhood preservation, and community building. She has been acknowledged for her efforts to promote human service provision as a vehicle for social change.

Irma has taught courses in community organization, social administration, and social work field instruction at several local universities. She has published articles on housing, the court system, and human rights and has served on numerous boards throughout her career, including City Project, The Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development, The Parodneck Foundation for Self-Help Housing, The New York Women's Foundation, and the International Federation of Settlements.

Irma is a graduate of The City College of New York/CUNY with a BA in Fine Arts and received her MSW in 1980 from the Hunter College School of Social Work. She is a resident of Sunnyside Gardens and was a leader in that neighborhood's effort to secure Historic District status. Since her retirement Irma has served as part time Executive Director Of The International Federation of Settlements, and as consultant to the national Community Learning Partnership.



2023 QUEENS CHAMPION AWARD

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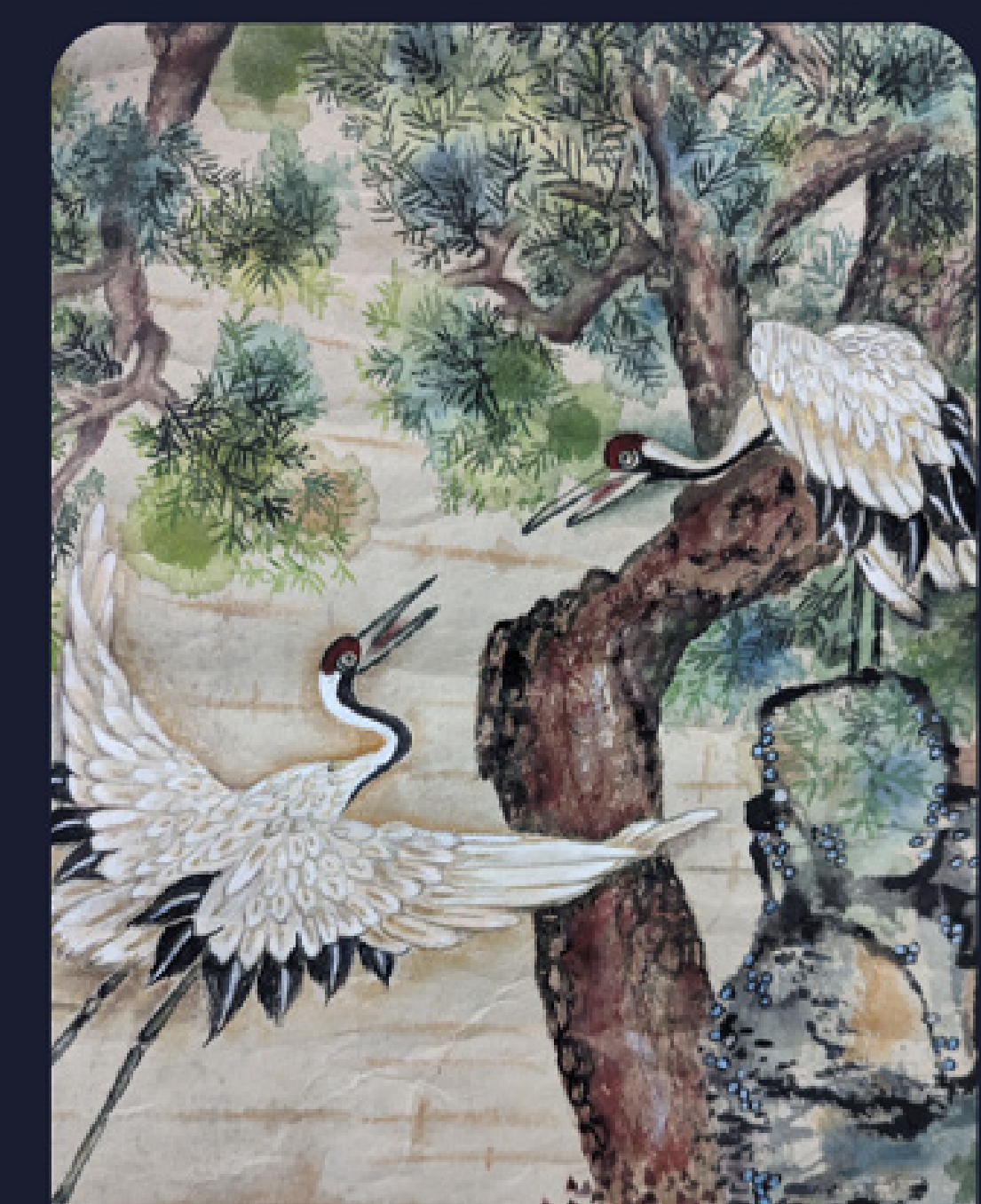


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