



# No Place Like Home

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**April 23, 2026 • 6-10pm**

Surf Club on the Sound  
New Rochelle, NY

MC: **Lynda Baquero**, WNBC  
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## Honorees

**Government Partner  
of the Year**

**Sabrina Jaar Marzouka**

Dutchess County Department  
of Community and Family Services  
(DCFS) Commissioner

**Champion of Champions**

**Pascale Leone**

Executive Director of the  
Supportive Housing Network  
of New York (the Network)

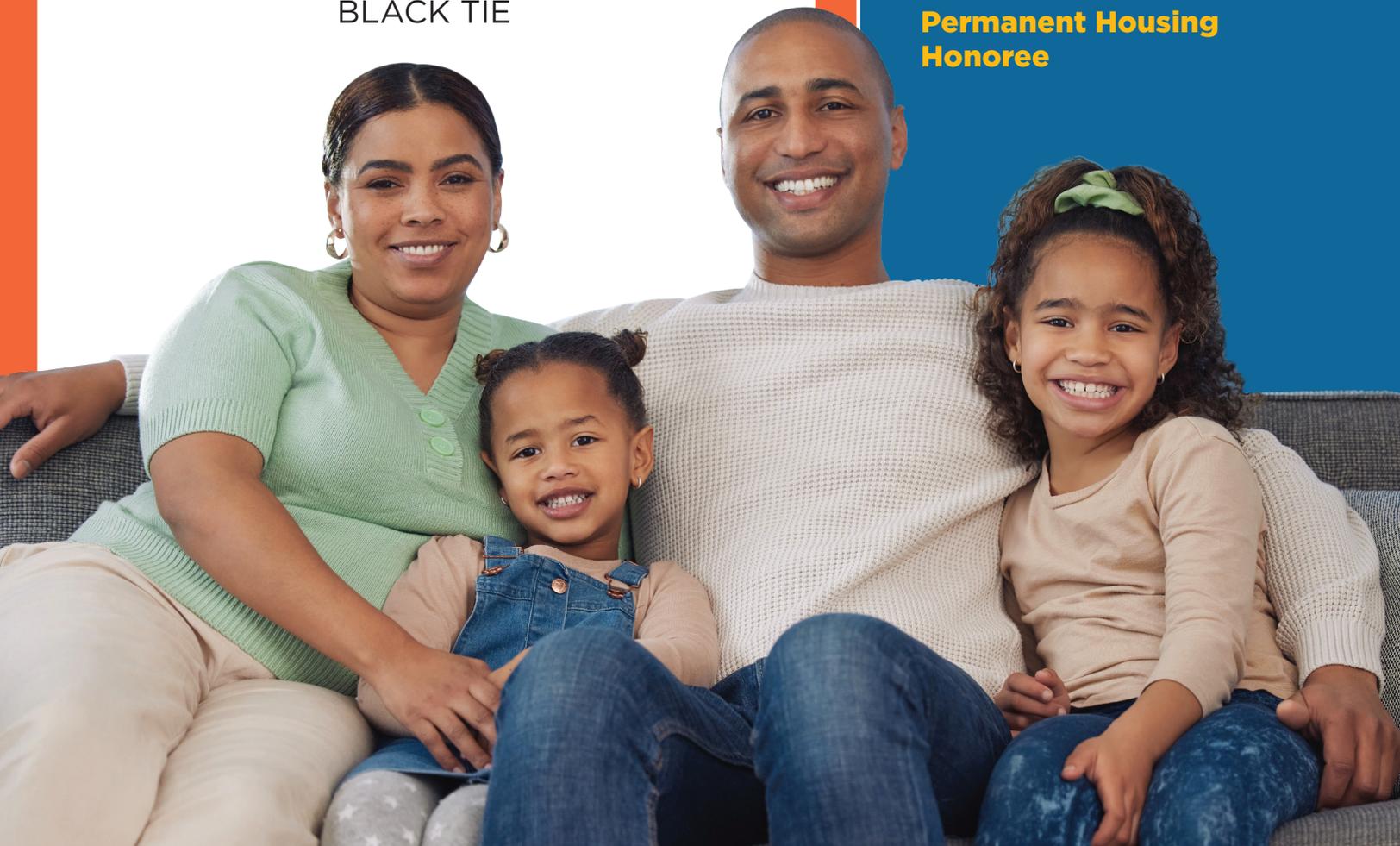
**Employee of the Year 2025**

**Emily Nothdurft**

Community Housing Innovations  
Inc., Program Director

**No Place Like Home  
Homeowner Honoree**

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Permanent Housing  
Honoree**



## HONOREES

### Government Partner of the Year

#### Sabrina Jaar Marzouka, JD, MPH

Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) Commissioner



Sabrina was born and raised in the Caribbean island of Haiti, where she attended law school and secured her judicial degree. She also holds a Bachelor in Political Science from Trinity College, and a Master's in Public

Health from the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

Sabrina's career started in Haiti, working for a private Haitian not-for-profit community based agency, the Centers for Development and Health. As the Assistant Director she was responsible for the implementation of numerous comprehensive programs aimed at improving the quality of life of the Haitian people, ranging from public health services to education, housing and economic development activities.

In 1992, Sabrina moved to Poughkeepsie, NY, where she joined the Catharine Street Community Center as its Executive Director. Under her leadership, the Center expanded its services through the development of innovative programs responding to the needs of the community. Her efforts awarded her with the Marist College President Award in 1994.

In 1997, she joined the Dutchess County Department of Health and served as the Director of Health Planning and Education, and soon after was promoted to Assistant Commissioner. In that capacity, she was responsible for managing the day-to-day activities of the Department and played a direct role in formulating its policy. In March 2015, she was appointed as the Commissioner for the Department of Community & Family Services where she administers the public assistance programs as well as protective services for children and adults.

During her tenure at Dutchess Community and Family Services, the Department has strengthened its response to homelessness, increasing its workforce to offer case management services. She has collaborated with the County Planning Department to combine resources and increase rental assistance funds. She has also built partnerships with service providers; from outreach to prevention and stable housing solutions.

A mother of three, Sabrina is fluent in English, Spanish, French and Creole. Despite her busy schedule, she finds time to support ongoing efforts to help the vulnerable and underserved, both in her community and in the world, especially in Haiti.

### Champion of Champions

#### Pascale Leone, MPP

Executive Director of the Supportive Housing Network



Pascale Leone brings more than 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience advancing housing and reproductive justice, public health, and healthy aging. For the past 13 years, her work

has centered on supportive and affordable housing, driving transformative change for historically underserved communities. Since 2022, Pascale has served as Executive Director of the Supportive Housing Network of New York (the Network), a statewide membership organization representing more than 200 nonprofit organizations that develop and operate supportive housing across New York. Under her leadership, the Network has strengthened its role as a leading policy and advocacy voice, securing historic state and city wins—including the first substantial increase in decades to New York's longstanding supportive housing services program and the first-ever rate increase for

the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI). The Network is also leading New York's advocacy to protect critical federal resources for supportive housing, mobilizing stakeholders to stave off proposed federal cuts that would jeopardize housing stability for thousands of New Yorkers. Previously, Pascale spent nine years at the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), most recently as Vice President of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. In that role, she crafted and implemented CSH's Racial Equity Framework including the development of CSH's Redesigning Access by Centering Equity (RACE) initiative aimed at increasing supportive housing production and building capacity in communities most impacted by structural racism. This work earned CSH Crain's New York Business' 2022 "Diversity and Inclusion: Showing the Way" award. Pascale holds a BA in Africana Studies and Political Science from SUNY Albany and a Master's in Public Policy from Rockefeller College. She serves on the boards of the Health & Housing Consortium and the Human Services Council, is a member of the Racial Equity in Supportive Housing Steering Committee, serves on the Girl Scouts of Nassau County Board Development Committee, and is an Advisory Member of the Center for Health Care Strategies' Better Care Playbook. She has been recognized as a PoliticsNY Nonprofit Power Player and a City & State Above & Beyond: Social Services honoree. Pascale was also recently appointed to the Mamdani Housing transition committee.

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## Employee of the Year 2025 Emily Nothdurft, LMSW

Community Housing Innovations Inc., Program Director



Emily Nothdurft began her journey with CHI in 2015 as an intern in the Resource Center, providing support to single men and other special populations. Her dedication to serving vulnerable communities laid a strong

foundation for a progressive career in social services.

While pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work at Stony Brook University, Emily took on the role of Resident Support Specialist at CHI. After graduating with her Master's and obtaining her LMSW in 2017, she became a Case Manager, where she built a reputation for advocacy, crisis intervention, and client-centered care.

In 2022, Emily was promoted to Senior Case manager later that year. She was promoted to Program Manager in 2023. Recognizing the growing need for structured crisis response, Emily successfully lobbied for the addition of a Crisis Management Coordinator position for the agency—demonstrating foresight and leadership in program development. Now in 2025, assumed the role of Program Director.

In addition to overseeing program operations and leading a multidisciplinary team, Emily is an active member of the agency's Mental Health Committee, contributing to policy, training, and mental health initiatives that enhance care across the organization. She is also SIFI certified, allowing her to oversee interns and has obtained her Crisis Intervention Counselor certification.

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## MC: Lynda Baquero

Lynda Baquero is an Emmy® Award-winning NBC 4 consumer reporter whose "Better Get Baquero" segments have recovered more than \$10 million for consumers since 2013. Baquero's reporting was a key component of NBC 4 New York's award-winning COVID-19 coverage, honored with the prestigious Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award. She was also the host of the long-running series "Visiones" which highlights issues that affect the Hispanic community with conversations from newsmakers, community leaders and celebrities on arts, education and health.



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1 ticket, listing in e-journal

### Tickets .....\$350 each

### E Journal Ads DEADLINE: APRIL 7

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