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FSW VOICE

Dear FSW Family,

When you think of the most basic human needs, what comes immediately to mind?

Food, water and shelter are usually the first things people think of when asked that question. While those elements are essential to survival, we here at FSW help people to do more than survive – we give them what they need to THRIVE.

Safety and emotional, mental and physical wellness are at the core of the work we do every day. Our programs teach the value of youth mentoring and support through Big Brothers Big Sisters; the importance of sound mental and emotional health through our Family Mental Health Clinics, and the difference a safe, stable environment can make in a child's life through our Adoption and Therapeutic Foster Care Programs. Older adults and their families struggling with the effects of aging receive vital care and respite through our award-winning My Second Home adult day care program. Veterans returning home from the battlefield receive the support and guidance so critical to their reintegration into society through our Veterans Outreach and Vet2Vet programs.

At FSW, it is our mission to provide people in all stages of the life cycle with a safe space, mentally, emotionally and physically, so that they can become the best versions of themselves. ***We help people to do more than survive – we help them to THRIVE.***

Thank you for your unfailing support of our work.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Wayne, President & CEO



Program News

EMERGE Celebrates Mother's Day!



The **EMERGE** program celebrated mothers who graduated from the program at a brunch on May 20th at the Center for All Ages. Gift bags were donated by Morgan Stanley and Her Final Draft. Food was generously provided by Chef's Orchard Restaurant and other gifts by Funktastic Scents.

Connection, support and encouragement are at the heart of the EMERGE re-entry work. The commitment of the mothers to each other, their children, and their own personal

Camp VIVA joins NYC AIDS WALK



Camp VIVA took part in NY City's annual AIDS walk on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Thousands gathered in Central Park to march for AIDS/HIV awareness and prevention. FSW thanks walkers and supporters for their generosity. Funds raised at the event will help fund Camp VIVA's annual week-long summer respite and Partnership of Care for children and families living with HIV/AIDS. [Learn more](#)

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MEET OUR BOARD: VICE CHAIR GARY ZAHAKOS

When did you join the board? **In 2011.**
Do you have any certifications or degrees you would like noted? **CFP (Certified Financial Planner) and CIMA (Certified Investment Management Analyst).**
What is your birthday? **October 1st**
Where did you grow up? **Yonkers, NY.**
Where did you attend college and what was your major? **Cornell University – Industrial Engineering and Operations Research.**
What has been your favorite job that you have had so far? **The current one: Financial Advisor at UBS.**
What is your dream job, or do you already have it? **The one I have had for the past 33 years**
[Read more about Gary Zahakos](#)



The Junior League of Central Westchester's Best Start Literacy Fair was held in partnership with FSW's **Head Start/Early Head Start Program** at the Slater Center on May 25th. More than 130 families and children received giveaways like books and tooth brushes, and enjoyed arts and crafts, facepainting, dancing and more. [Learn more](#)



FSW's Development VP named to "40 Under 40" 2017 Rising Stars

FSW is proud to announce that Michelle A. Nicholas, Vice President of Communications and External Affairs, has been named a 2017 Rising Star by the Business Council of Westchester (BCW) in its annual "40 Under 40" awards.
"We are thrilled to have Michelle on our Executive team," said Susan B. Wayne, FSW's CEO and President. "In just a little over a year, Michelle has put together a solid department, overseen multiple successful fundraising events and increased the agency's visibility."
[Read the full press release](#)

COMMITTEE OF 1,000 Cocktail Reception



FSW's annual **Committee of 1,000 cocktail reception** drew a crowd of loyal supporters and Board of Directors members to the shores of the Hudson River May 17th at the beautiful **Harvest on Hudson** restaurant in Hastings, NY. **Host and Board Vice Chair Gary Zahakos** thanked Committee members for their generous and continued support. [Learn more and become a member today!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS!




 Join the Junior Board for our
FUNDRAISING SUMMER SOCIAL
 Tuesday, June 13, 2017
 7 to 9 p.m.
Halftime Beverage
 139 Hoyt Avenue
 Mamaroneck, NY 10543
 \$40 donation
 Includes Beer Sampling & Finger Foods
Kindly RSVP by June 6th to CJ Miller: cmiller@fsw.org




Don't miss the FUNdraiser of the Summer!
Click above and support FSW's Junior Board
Grants. [Click the invitation to RSVP!](#)

Calling all Volunteers!

Head Start/Early Head Start:
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The Sharing Shelf:
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For more information contact:
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