

# A Bright and Shining 80th Celebration

Over 370 friends and supporters came together the evening of April 22 at Westchester Country Club to help Carver Center celebrate eighty years of providing programs and essential services to the Port Chester community. Guests dined, danced, and raised their paddles to Build Brighter Futures.

Yvette Hammel and Claire Steinberg, board president and vice-president, co-chaired the event with the help of a dedicated committee and more than thirty Benefit Table Hosts.

Maureen Gomez of Rye received the 2023 Sister Rosemary Sheehan



Award for Volunteerism. A volunteer for over 20 years, she was board president for four of those years.

Guests danced to the soulful music of Tribeca Rhythm. Amy Papola, art appraiser and auctioneer, led the lively paddle raise.

“The evening was a true testament to the spirit and dedication of our staff and supporters,” said

Carver Center CEO Anne Bradner. “I am struck by the incredible progress this remarkable organization has made over the past eight decades, from our humble beginnings to the role that we hold in the community today.”

Proceeds will go to support the Carver Market, Westchester County’s client-choice food pantry, Youth & Young Adult Programming, which provides homework support and access to enrichment opportunities to tweens and teens, and Citizenship Classes, which enable Carver graduates to participate fully in our democracy and to vote as new Americans.



Honoree Maureen Gomez and her husband Victor Gomez



Yvette Hammel, board president and event co-chair at the podium



Bill and Sara Furber



Janice and Jan Fabry



Board vice-president Claire Sternberg with the honoree



Mary and Tom Julian



Carver Center CEO Anne Bradner introduced County Executive George Latimer, who needs no introduction.



Carver Center alum Rodney Baker, Ingraham Taylor, Richard and Joanne Jones, Ina Rosenthal, and Arnold Baker II; Rodney and Arnold Baker are the sons of Arnold Baker, an early executive director.





Daniel Bonnet, Chief Program Officer, with Rose Cardona, impact speaker and staff member of Carver’s Food Services Department



Auctioneer Amy Papola



A starry night for the Carver Center / Photos by Anja Porto

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