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Rohatynskij Named Woman of the Year by Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs

Food Bank for Westchester Executive Director Christina Rohatynskij has been named Woman of the Year by the Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs (WCFWC). Rohatynskij was honored at the WCFWC annual meeting and luncheon April 28 at the Davenport Club, New Rochelle.

WCFWC gives out the Woman of the Year award every April to a Westchester woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the community. Previous recipients include Congresswoman Nita Lowey, New York State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer, former Westchester County District Attorney Jeannine Pierro, actress Francis Sternhagen, and entertainer/director Lucie Arnaz.

A resident of Mount Vernon, Rohatynskij has been Executive Director of the Food Bank for Westchester since 1993, five years after it was founded as Food PATCH (People Allied To Combat Hunger). She has overseen the growth of the organization from a small staff of 12 delivering nearly 2.7 pounds of food a year to a current staff of 28 delivering over six million pounds of food a year to over 200 local hunger-relief programs.

"We are thrilled to bestow this well-deserved honor on Ms. Rohatynskij," said WCFWC President Anita Taddeo. "With her leadership, the Food Bank for Westchester makes a positive impact every day on the lives of tens of thousands of people who are hungry or at risk of hunger in Westchester."

Prior to taking the helm at the Food



Christina Rohatynskij

Bank for Westchester, Rohatynskij developed and was the first Executive Director of the American Red Cross Regional Food Distribution Center in Lansing, Michigan for seven years. She was an original member of the reorganized Food Bank Council of Michigan and served as a board officer. More recently, she was a founding member of the Food Bank Association of New York State and has just completed a four-year term as the board president. She holds two degrees: a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) and a Master of Fine Art (MFA) in Studio Art.

She has one daughter, Tetiana Anderson, a journalist, who works for NY-1 News.

The Food Bank for Westchester is located at 358 Saw Mill River Road, Millwood, NY 10546, 923-1100, www.foodbankforwestchester.org.