

Yes She CanTM

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YES SHE CAN HONORS ADVOCATES FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM AT MARCH BREAKFAST

White Plains, NY, February 12, 2019 -- Yes She Can, a recognized leader in job skills development for young adults with autism and related disabilities, will honor three individuals who advocate for adults with autism at a breakfast on Friday, March 29, 2019 at the Doral Arrowwood in Rye Brook at 8:00 AM.

Among those celebrating the event will be Westchester County Executive George Latimer, who will welcome guests, and Michael Orth, Westchester County Commissioner of Community Mental Health, who will present the awards.

Honorees are:

Joy Soodik, Senior Managing Director and Chief Compliance Officer, Clarfeld Financial Advisors, for her and her organization's commitment to hiring individuals with autism to perform mission-critical work at the Tarrytown, NY firm.

Patricia Rowan, LMSW, whose career as a clinical social worker in Westchester, NY, and as a Yes She Can program advisor and volunteer job coach has enabled teens and adults with autism to achieve their potential.

Paul Morris, a young man with autism who has a career and lives independently in White Plains, NY, and who is a model advocate for himself and others with autism spectrum disorders.

"I'm thrilled to recognize Joy, Pat and Paul who not only support Yes She Can and the young women who benefit from our services," says Marjorie Madfis, president and executive director, "but also demonstrate that people with autism can fulfill their potential, participate in the workforce and be included in our community."

Yes She Can's job-skills training programs are invaluable. Of the one percent of the US population or three million individuals who have autism, more than 80 percent of adults are unemployed. "While most desire full-time or part-time employment," Madfis points out, "there are few programs in schools and post-graduation specifically designed to meet the unique needs of those with autism. Further, most business managers are unaware of the advantages of including employees with autism among their staffs."

Since its founding in 2013, Yes She Can has served 38 young women, many of whom are now employed in a variety of businesses in Westchester County, Fairfield County, and New York City.

For more information about the Awards Breakfast to support Yes She Can's continuing work, go to YesSheCanInc.org/AAAA19

Yes She Can Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization based in Westchester County, NY, dedicated to helping teens and young women with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and related disabilities develop transferable job skills and life skills that will enable them to enter the workforce and retain employment. Yes She Can operates Girl AGain, a resale boutique for refurbished American Girl dolls and accessories in White Plains, NY, as an authentic business and training program site. Yes She Can advocates for inclusion of people with ASD in the workforce and advises others on how to create job skills development programs in their communities. To learn more about Yes She Can, visit YesSheCanInc.org.

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