

## HONOREE OF THE YEAR

### 榮獲2014年社區服務獎得獎者



#### **KARINA COSTANTINO**

Community Superintendent of District 20

On July of 2007, Karina Costantino became the Community Superintendent of District 20 in Brooklyn. Prior to being appointed District 20 Superintendent, Ms. Costantino was the Principal of P.S. 22 in District 31 from 1992-2007. Upon assuming the Superintendency of District 20, Ms. Costantino began to develop a strong relationship with the communities her district served. She focused on their specific needs, working side by side with the Community Education Council. Ms. Costantino frequently explores new programs to bring into the District and

provides training and resources to empower parents, enabling them to be partners in their child's education.

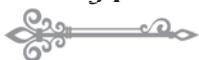
Ms. Costantino's strives to bring transparency to the variety of programs offered for special needs children, so that parents may make informed choices when exploring programs and making selections. She hopes to explore the Renzulli School Enrichment Model for all schools to provide a challenging and cutting edge curricula which will address the many talents of our children and also introduce curriculum compacting for our gifted youngsters throughout the District. She also works to give our English Language Learner parents additional options for programs being offered within the District to address the specific needs of children.

A strong advocate for After school and the creation of a seamless school day, Ms. Costantino is actively involved with CBO's in the community to create the best possible project based learning environment for the children of District 20 after school from 3 to 6 pm.

A former candidate for the New York State Assembly in Staten Island in 1984, and again in 1986, Ms. Costantino was appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo to the Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence in 1988. She served as a member of the Commission, traveling across the State addressing the concerns of the Commission until it became a State agency in 1990. In addition, Ms. Costantino has been an adjunct professor at Touro College.

Active in many community organizations on Staten Island, Karina Costantino is the recipient of the following awards

- 1988 Pietas Award: St. John's University
- Woman of the Year, William LaMorte Lodge, Sons of Italy, 1980
- Staten Island Borough President's Award for Outstanding Citizenship, 1986
- Outstanding Italian American Woman, College of Staten Island, 1986
- Listed in Outstanding Young Women in America, 1988
- Women in History Award by Assemblyman Robert Straniere, 1999
- 2002 Time For Leadership Award: David & Sybil Yurman Leadership for Promoting & Sustaining the Arts
- Principal of the Year – YMCA of Greater New York 2003 Arts and Letters
- Community Service Award presented by the Italian Board of Guardians, 2003
- St. John's University School of Education for Outstanding Achievement in Education, 2006
- Educational Leadership Award presented by the Bay Ridge Real Estate Board, December 2007
- Professional Achievement Award presented by the National Federation of Italian- American Societies, Inc., 2008
- Women of the Year Award 2011 presented by PS 186, April 2011
- Grand Marshal of the Brooklyn Columbus Day Parade, October 8, 2011 sponsored by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations
- Woman of the Year 2012 Award presented by The Shorefront Democratic Club, March 2012
- Honorary Chair, 2013 Relay for Life, June 22, 2013
- Grand Marshal, 2013 Bay Ridge Ragamuffin Parade, October 5, 2013
- Special Congressional Recognition in Honor of Women's History Month presented by Congressman Michael Grimm, March 2014





**LARRY MCREYNOLDS**

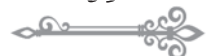
President of Lutheran Family Health Centers

Larry McReynolds currently serves as President of Lutheran Family Health Centers (LFHC), one of the nation's largest federally qualified health center (FQHC) networks. Mr. McReynolds has served the LFHC network since February 2005 and has approximately 20 years of experience in health care administration. In his current capacity, Mr. McReynolds oversees administration, planning, and finance for one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Center networks.

Under Mr. McReynolds' leadership, LFHC has evolved to become the medical home for over 110,000 individuals in underserved communities around New York City, oversees a budget of \$187 million, and coordinates teaching programs for more than 500 residents. The Health Center has grown to include nine full-time primary care sites, 16 school-based health centers and 22 school dental clinics, and 14 homeless sites, and soon a public housing site.

Mr. McReynolds has been an advocate of the Chinese-American community in Sunset Park. Some of his accomplishments include working with the first Chinese-elected president of the Board of Lutheran Family Health Centers; relocating and expanding the Chinese health center to include dentistry, physical therapy and primary care services in a space three times its previous space, and hosted the Chinese government Secretary of Labor delegation to discuss unionized labor issues in the developing healthcare marketplace in China.

Mr. McReynolds holds a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College and a master's degree in health care administration from Washington University. He is an adjunct faculty member at NYU Wagner's Graduate School of Public Service, and serves on the boards of the Community Health Care Association of New York State, National Association of Community Health Centers, and a panelist on the National Academy for State Health Policy.



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#### **PEGGY SHENG**

Chief Operating Officer

Peggy Sheng currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the Chinese American Independent Practice Association (CAIPA). She joined the physician-member organization in 1995. During Ms. Sheng's tenure, CAIPA has flourished into a strong organization with over 850 clinical practitioners serving over 400,000 Asian American residents in the greater New York area. Ms. Sheng participates in all contract negotiations, quality and utilization management, and network development functions. CAIPA is regarded as a model IPA by its peers and New York health plans in its continuing effort to provide culturally sensitive, cost effective and high quality care to the Asian American communities. In addition, CAIPA sponsors the CAMS-CAIPA Community Service Fund to encourage the development and improvement of existing, culturally competent, community-oriented service programs, as well as research and educational projects that benefit the Asian American communities of New York.

Prior to joining CAIPA, Peggy was a paralegal at a prominent law firm in Chinatown, Gim & Wong, P.C. She specialized in immigration and general business transactions. In her multifaceted career, Peggy also worked at JCPenney as a graphic designer creating their magazine advertisements and TV commercials.

Ms. Sheng received her Associate Degree in Applied Science with a major in Graphic Design from New York City College of Technology (formerly New York City Community College). She graduated from Baruch College with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Human Resources Management. Ms. Sheng also received her Paralegal Certification from Baruch College.

In her spare time, Peggy is a dedicated volunteer at the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation. Tzu Chi is an international non-profit humanitarian organization. The four pillars of the foundation are charity, medicine, education and humanistic culture. Tzu Chi provides international disaster relief, is involved in community volunteerism and environmental protection. She became a novice of Dharma Master Cheng Yen in 2002 and held a directorship position in Tzu Chi's Chinatown Service Center from 2005-2007. Peggy became a medical team coordinator for Tzu Chi in 2007 and continues to hold that position.





**DR. YIWU (JIM) HUANG**

Oncologist and Hematologist, Maimonides Medical Center

Dr. Yiwu Huang obtained his medical degree from Fujian Medical University and Ph.D. from Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences. He came to the Cancer Immunobiology Center at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in 1990 as a post-doctor fellow to study cancer immunotherapy. He made significant contributions to the field of cancer biology and published several papers. In 1997, he started residency training in Medicine at Staten Island University Hospital. He then completed his

hematology and medical oncology fellowship training at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He joined Maimonides Medical Center in 2003, as an attending hematologist and medical oncologist.

Dr. Huang currently serves as the associate program director, hematology-oncology fellowship training program and Medical Director of Asian Community Outreach in Maimonides Medical Center. He also is an associate professor of Clinical Medicine of Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, and guest professor of Fujian Medical University in China.

Dr. Huang is an outstanding hematologist and oncologist, an expert cancer care specialist and a respected investigator. He is certified in the American Boards of Internal Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology. He has published many research papers on a host of blood and cancer-related conditions, including multiple myeloma, lymphoma, gastric cancer, liver cancer, colon cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, sickle cell disease, hemophilia and thrombosis. He is the author of over 50 published articles, book chapters and abstracts.

In addition, Dr. Huang offered his expertise to serve the United States' growing Chinese-American population. Through American Cancer Society, he has delivered numerous presentations to Chinese patients, and has authored two Chinese-language books "Chemotherapy Guide for the Cancer patients" and "Home Care Guide during Chemotherapy". He has been interviewed many times in the British Broadcast Company (BBC) and the Voice of America (VOA) over the last few years.

Dr. Huang has received numerous honors and awards, including first place in the Clinical Vignette Division for the American College of Physicians and American Society of Internal Medicine, and the Resident Research Award of the Staten Island University Hospital, "Doctor of the Year" in Maimonides Cancer Center and Outstanding alumni of American Association of Fujian Medical University Alumni (AAFUMA). He has also served as vice president of AAFUMA for many years.

Dr. Jim Huang offers exceptionally care to the Chinese community. He helps educate and console patients who are often overwhelmed by a cancer diagnosis. Dr. Huang is admired by his patients and staff throughout the hospital of all backgrounds.

