

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION:

Women being considered are to:

1. Live and or work in Lebanon County or
2. Have played an integral part in the implementation of project(s) that have benefited the Lebanon Valley or
3. Have worked as Hidden Heroes touching lives in a positive way
4. Nominees may be living or deceased
5. Previous inductees and current Commission members are not eligible.

NOMINATION CATEGORIES:

Women Demonstrating Leadership: Forging new paths in business or community while serving as a role model

Women Creating Community: Contributing to the quality of life in the Lebanon Valley by supporting the social growth of the community

Women Promoting Agriculture: Actively working to preserve and promote agriculture

Women Advocating Athletics: Involved in amateur or professional athletics, coaching or administration

Women Working for Justice: Striving for equality and peace

Women Promoting Healthy Lifestyles or Healthcare: Educating, conducting research, promoting fitness, or providing health care

Women Contributing to the Arts: Promoting the expression of the performing arts, visual arts, and literary arts

Women Innovating in Education: Promoting innovation and inspiring personal growth

Women Serving the Military: Advocating, supporting or serving

Women Fostering Advancements in Science/Technology: Through research, development and/or education

Trailblazer: Forging new paths & growth in the community.

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Important information for those making nominations is shown below. Please check all boxes after reading. *

- I understand that I must make a nomination for a SPECIFIC Category, and cannot "Select all" or multiple categories for any one nomination.
- During the selection process the selection committee may decide on a different category than submitted based on all of the information received.
- Awards will not be presented in categories where fewer than 3 nominations are recieved.
- Nominees that are not selected will automatically be resubmitted for the following year.

Nominee Information

Nomination Criteria

Each criterion should be addressed in relation to the nominee's significant contributions to Lebanon County and/or the Lebanon Valley.

Suggestion: The nominee is the best source of information. We urge you to contact them to give them the best opportunity to be selected.

When completing this form please refer to the five requested points of nomination criteria.

Please provide dates where applicable and sources of available confirming information, if any. Attach additional sheets, if necessary. Sometimes excellent nominees for induction have not been represented well in the nomination forms and consequently not selected that particular year.

- Avoid lengthy descriptions about the company or organizations your nominee serves on unless that information ties them to the criteria in some way.
- Ask yourself, are you really choosing to submit the best person you know or someone you simply like?
- What makes them an unsung hero or mentor?
- What have they accomplished, hidden or behind the scenes?
- How did they accomplish this?
- What have they done to impact or make lives better in Lebanon County or beyond?

After all the nominations are received, they are sent to the Selection Committee. The committee makes their decisions based only on the information provided. The information you provide will be incorporated into the description given about the inductee at the induction ceremony.

On this and the next page, indicate the major contributions and/or accomplishments which in your view serve to qualify the proposed candidate for admission to the Lebanon County Commission for Women's Hall of Fame.

Please select the category of your Nomination *

Women Demonstrating Leadership

Please provide the name of the person you are nominating for the Women's Hall of Fame. *

Norma Gonzalez

Nominee's Phone Number *

717-454-9911

Nominee's Address *

13 Northcrest Acres, Lebanon, PA 17046

Nominee's Email Address *

praiseb2him1965@yahoo.com

Posthumous Nominations

Only complete this section as appropriate.

If nominee is deceased, provide the following information for her nearest living relative or other individual able to represent her:

Relative's Name

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Relative's Address

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Relative's Phone Number

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Relative's Email Address

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Relationship to the nominee

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Nominator Information

Tell us how we can contact you if we have questions about your nomination.

Nominator's Name or Organization *

Jehlisah Vaccarella

Contact Person *

Jehlisah Vaccarella

Nominator's Address *

336 Buckley Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Nominator's Phone Number *

7176397164

Nominator's Email Address *

jrvaccarella@yahoo.com

Relationship to the nominee

daughter

Accomplishment & Attributes

Help us understand why you are nominating this individual for the Women's Hall of Fame!

Accomplishments: List distinctive accomplishments in the nominee's chosen field of endeavor, professional or otherwise. *

Norma is a determined and purposeful woman. Despite growing up in an emotionally, physically and sexually abusive household, she persevered through her career with the sole purpose of providing for her family and giving back to her community. Norma's educational career brought about many trials and tribulations that would most likely leave others lost and surrendering, but not Norma. She obtained her bachelors degree just a few years shy of her 45th birthday and went on to obtain her master's degree at age 51 and her license in Social Work soon thereafter. She obtained her degrees while facing mental illness, while raising two biological daughters and stepchildren and provided an amazing example of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Her educational experience, while not necessarily including a list of distinctive accomplishments, spanned a total of 23 years - which in and of itself is a distinctive accomplishment.

Contributions: Describe contributions made of an enduring nature to the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, state or nation. *

Even prior to obtaining her degree and pursuing the human services field, Norma has worked in various positions within Lebanon County that have made her a pillar within her community. From working at Cedar Book and Cardshop and being the smiling face behind the register to working at MidPenn Legal Services and often being the steady voice through some of the community's most difficult times, she has continued to provide exceptional service to anyone that she services. She has always been a person to lend an ear in any time of need and can often be the voice of reason in any situation. After obtaining her undergrad degree, she worked as the Family Involvement Coordinator with the Lebanon School District and also held other roles within the district. Her role as the Family Involvement Coordinator, though, allowed Norma to really earn the trust of families within the community. As she worked on involving families and the education of their children, she really immersed herself in the community and prided herself in the relationships that she built with the families she served and her co-workers who. Amidst obtaining her master's degree, Norma worked for Pennsylvania Counseling Services as a Family Based Therapist and helped countless families within the community find appropriate services, work on concerns within the family unit, and has been a confidant for many families struggling through many of life's challenges. In addition, she was one of the few and possibly only, bi-lingual therapists in the area and has been able to serve the ever growing Hispanic Community. She transitioned to an Outpatient Therapist where she also began serving individuals dealing with drug or alcohol abuse and again, was able to serve in a new capacity. Her transition to her position at SARCC, I believe will bring about a new level of service to the Lebanon Community as she has recently been more open about her sexual abuse experience as a child and her journey of healing and is passionate about helping others find their voice so that they are able to heal. Norma's motto has always been "healing hearts, one family at a time" and she truly lives and breathes this. She is the epitome of what a Social Worker and a true servant in her community should be.

Awards and Honors: List significant awards and honors achieved. *

While she has not received any official awards or honors, her work within the community speaks for herself. Ask any family she has served, any client she has provided services to, or any coworker or family that has witnessed Norma at work. Her work and service to her community has gone unnoticed and that has not slowed her or made her weary. She does not do the work that she does for the recognition. She does the work that she does because she truly believes in the change that she can make within her community and in the lives of others. She does the work that she does because she believes in what God has called her to do.

Personal: Discuss qualities of character and personal ideals that would serve as a positive influence on and as a model for other women *

Norma believes in her community. She believes there is good in every family and in every person and works tirelessly to assist her fellow community members. She is of the Christian faith and has been called by God to do the work within the community. Not only has she been a pillar within her community and is respected by many, she has also been a force within her own family, often being the one who tries to bring family together for functions and get togethers. She believes in unity.

Summary: Write a 2-3 sentence summary of why your nominee should be chosen for this award. *

Norma is a pillar in her community. She is known by the community as a social service worker and as a true servant. Her life, despite how trying, has been dedicated to serving others. She is a true Hall of Famer and a person who deserves to be recognized for all that she has done for her family, for her community and even for herself.

Has the nominee reviewed this information for accuracy?

Yes

No

Thank you for submitting your nomination!

All nominations must be submitted by October 30, 2019. Inductees will be notified by December 1, 2019. All nominations submitted, but not accepted will remain in the running for one additional year. Nominators will be notified if their nominee is not accepted by December 15, 2020.

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