



**2017 Community Leader  
Community Service/Volunteerism Award**



**Jessica Bauer Walker**

Jessica is the founder and Executive Director of the Community Health Worker Network of Buffalo, an organization that supports community members to gain the skills and power they need to live healthy and vibrant lives. The CHW Network has provided training, education, and community-building experiences to thousands of community members, students, and professionals working in healthcare, education, and human services.

Jessica has decades of involvement in community-building and civic engagement on a local, national, and international level. She has served in AmeriCorps and the U.S. Peace Corps, and was an organizer in two Presidential campaigns as Director of Operations for Rock the Vote. She has been a Project Manager for community-based organizations and initiatives targeting issues such as youth development, environmental health, and HIV/AIDS.

Committed to inclusion, Jessica has led advocacy efforts related to cultural and religious expression, such as awareness and protection of rights for Muslim students during Ramadan and local recognition for Indigenous Heritage Day. Jessica is involved as a parent leader in the Buffalo Public Schools on the District Parent Coordinating Council and at International School #45. She has helped develop and lead campaigns regarding health and physical education.

For her tireless work on behalf of others and her dedication to equity in our region, the NFJC proudly presents Jessica Bauer Walker with the 2017 Community Leader Award in Community Service and Volunteerism.



*"...a just community begins with me!"*

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