



2018 Community Leader Business Award



Maureen Bartley

Maureen is the owner/operator of Maureen's Wholesale Flower Market, located on Ellicott St. in downtown Buffalo. Odds are, if you've been to a gala or fundraiser in the last 20 years, then you've probably seen Maureen's work. Hers is a great success story. She created and expanded her business, has beautiful products and a tremendous commitment to customer service. Maureen is so much more than just a successful entrepreneur – she is a caring, giving woman who truly wants to see the best for her community.

Having set up shop in a crumbling, windowless building in the heart of the city's former flower district, she and her store helped paved the way for the other markets, loft apartments, small clubs & restaurants that now fill the area. She built it, and we came. And all the while, Maureen forged relationships with local non-profits, houses of worship, and businesses across the city, providing them with flowers for their events at prices they could afford. She works with customers to develop packages that fit their needs, and she hires workers that make everyone feel at home in her shop. In essence, Maureen built community as she built her business, and in many ways, she embodies the rebirth of Buffalo that we've seen in the last decade.

For her work to foster change and inclusion, and for her support of all Buffalonians, the NFJC is proud to present Maureen Bartley the 2018 Community Leader Business Award.



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

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