



2019 Community Leader Social Service Award



Norine D. Borkowski

Norine is the Deputy Director for Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties, where she has worked for almost thirty years to build bridges, educate, and empower others to be leaders for change. Formerly with St. Mary's school for the Deaf, she has been an advocate and ally for the underserved and underrepresented her entire career. A graduate of UB with two Masters' degrees, she has worked to increased access and opportunities for those she has served.

Norine is the proud mother of four, and grandmother of thirteen. Two of her children are profoundly deaf. Her leadership and dedication to working on behalf of others is born out of the work she did to ensure her children's needs were met and rights were protected. She has run numerous programs in her years at NACS, focusing on economic self-sufficiency, cultural awareness, and pride of heritage. She works in the schools to ensure that students have both strong academic support and self-esteem development, and she helps parents in their roles as their children's primary teachers. Norine is also active in the community, where she has worked as a volunteer and has served as a leader with the WNY AIDS Network and Deaf Access Services.

For her many efforts to educate and advocate, the NFJC proudly recognizes Norine Borkowski with the 2019 Community Leader Award in Social Service.



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