

## 2020 Community Leader Award in Service and Volunteerism



## **April Arman**

April is the Executive Director of Resources and Help Against Marital Abuse, or RAHAMA. Since founding the organization in 2006, she has, on a volunteer basis, been committed to the cause of helping women and children escape the cruelty and injustice of domestic abuse.

April, in both her professional and personal life, has long been dedicated to providing outreach and much needed support to the WNY community. A graduate of the UB School of Social work, she has provided culturally responsive services to clients and community members of all backgrounds. Filling a gap in the WNY therapeutic community, with RAHAMA she provides support and intervention to Muslim victims of domestic violence. She works with community members to provide emotional, material, and spiritual care that is linguistically accessible and is guided by the light of Islam. In addition to her work with RAHAMA, where she also served as Board Director, April served as Vice Principal of the Universal School and as a domestic abuse counselor with Catholic Charities.

For her numerous and tireless efforts to provide love, support, and protection to women and children within the WNY region, the NFJC proudly presents April Arman with the 2020 Community Leader Award in Service and Volunteerism.