



## *Local Women Of Leadership Past and Present*

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Phyllis a civil rights activist, had four decades with the Volunteer Counseling Services of Rockland. She will continue social justice work at the Center for Safety and Change. Phyllis said, "I have had a passion for social justice work all of my life," "It is my life, not just my livelihood, and I am excited about continuing my work for racial and gender justice, as CPO at the Center for Safety & Change, for many years to come." Frank is a co-founding board member of the Center for Safety & Change, as well as a past president of the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and an appointed member of Gov. Mario Commission on Domestic Violence. The center and VCS have intertwining social justice goals. VCS provides counseling and mental health treatment and anti-racist advocacy and community change. VCS programs confront heterosexism, homophobia, and transphobia, racism, and sexism with a particular focus on violence against women. The Rockland County Pride Center is a 501(c)(3) LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) organization with an anti-racist, social justice mission. Their purpose is to support and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, challenge stereotypes and practices that adversely impact Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people, and provide a wide range of services to ensure equitable resources and opportunities for all – with no exceptions. Rockland County Pride Center began as a VCS Gay Pride Rockland, part of VCS Inc's initiative to implement social justice, anti-oppression programming throughout Rockland County. Rockland County Pride became its own independent organization in July 2016 and continues to partner with VCS.