

# a matter of taste

## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Our 18th Annual A Matter of Taste Gala:  
Celebrating 75 Years of Fulfilling Lives!



## PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS & BEVERAGE SPONSORS

### RESTAURANTS

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Augustine's Salumeria      | Mint Premium Foods          | The 808                  |
| Bellacosa Wine & Tapas Bar | Mozzarella by Vinny         | Tramanto                 |
| Chutney Masala             | One Rare Italian Steakhouse | TOMA Beverage Co.        |
| Culinary Tech Center       | Rivermarket Bar & Kitchen   | Mima Vinoteca            |
| Great American BBQ         | Sambal                      | Zuppa                    |
| Lexington Square Cafe      | Sams of Gedney Way          | Wegman's                 |
| Meraki                     | Shiraz Kitchen & Wine Bar   | Wolf and Warrior Brewery |
| Meritage                   | Texas de Brazil             |                          |

### DESSERTS

- Chocolations
- Zaro's Family Bakery

### BEVERAGE SPONSOR

- Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits

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## MEET OUR ESTEEMED HONOREES

This year The Arc Westchester Foundation honored three exceptional allies who have significantly contributed to The Arc Westchester's mission. The Corporate Partner Award was presented to New York-Presbyterian Westchester Behavioral Health, The Family Partner Award was bestowed upon The Glucksman Lieber Family, celebrating their long-standing dedicated service and generosity towards The Arc Westchester, and the first ever recipient of The Lifetime Advocate Award was presented to 95-year-old Ann Nehrbauser, A true pioneer and a generational powerhouse advocate for people with developmental disabilities.



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**Corporate Partner Award:  
NewYork Presbyterian Westchester Behavioral Health**

NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Behavior Health has become one of The Arc Westchester's strongest business partners. Through our over decade long partnership, participants of our Project SEARCH program have thrived and found meaningful employment following their graduation. This work-readiness program takes place in White Plains on NewYork-Presbyterian Behavioral Health Center campus, where total immersion in the workplace facilitates the teaching and learning process as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills.

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## **Family Partner Award: Glucksman Lieber Family**

Mark Glucksman and Roberta Lieber have three children: Samuel, Charles, and Benjamin. Their son Samuel, a 31-year-old with Down syndrome, has participated in The Arc Westchester's Choices and Recreation program for over a decade and lives in an Arc Westchester residence. Mark and Roberta have been key contributors to the strategy and direction of the organization for over 20 years through board and committee leadership. Attendees were moved by Mark Glucksman's words about his son Sam, a program participant with The Arc Westchester. He stated, "there is no greater endorsement of any organization than to entrust to them the care and support of your child."



## **Lifetime Advocate Award: Ann Nehrbauer**

Ann Nehrbauer was instrumental in the landmark lawsuit that ultimately led to the shuttering of Willowbrook State School, a facility in which people with developmental disabilities were subjected to poor treatment and inhumane living conditions for decades. Because of his increasing medical needs, Ann's disabled son spent 16 years as a resident at Willowbrook. Upon seeing the horrid situation there, she and her husband began a lifelong advocacy effort that ultimately helped bring about a historic civil rights lawsuit to close down Willowbrook and bring about positive change.

The heroic work of people like Ann Nehrbauer became a symbol for raising the conscience of the nation to support community integration and to establish high standards for humane conditions for all residential opportunities. After leaving Willowbrook, Ann's son moved into an Arc Westchester residence and lived there for 44 years until his passing last December. Ann was and remains committed to the Arc Westchester and its programs. Wherever useful or needed, Ann's advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities continues to the present day.

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