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NANDA PRABHAKAR, SVP PROGRAM OPERATIONS, NYC MISSION SOCIETY, TO BE HONORED WITH 2018 SOCIAL WORK IMAGE AWARD



-Award given for efforts committed to advancing the field of social work, and use of intersectionality lens in work –

(New York, NY) - On October 25, 2018, the National Association of Social Workers New York City Chapter will present Nanda Prabhakar, Senior Vice President of Program Operations at the New York City Mission Society, with the 2018 Social Work Image Award.

Ms. Prabhakar will be recognized for nearly 20 years of dedication to the field of social work.

For more than 200 years, the New York City Mission Society has been making a positive, long-term impact on children, youth and families in NYC's most underserved communities. Using educational programs, workforce development and cultural enrichment, the organization provides those they serve with the tools to break the cycle of poverty and achieve success. In the three years Ms. Prabhakar has been with the NYC Mission Society, her portfolio has grown from managing six programs to now overseeing four departments and over 200 employees. The NYC Mission Society serves over ten thousand people a year.

Ms. Prabhakar has consistently offered creative solutions to fill gaps in programming, and has committed herself to improving overall services. She has coordinated professional development for program staff, directed the creation of social emotional learning (SEL) curricula for K-5 programs, reiterated the importance of social justice and equity in participant communities, as well as increased emphasis on empathy and compassion among participants and their families.

Throughout her career, Ms. Prabhakar has worked with children, young adults, and families in Philadelphia, San Francisco and New York who had been impacted by child welfare involvement, addiction, mental health concerns, and the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

“We are so proud of the work Nanda has done at the NYC Mission Society. With this award, the National Association of Social Workers is reaffirming what our organization already knows: Nanda is the image of what a qualified social worker is, and what they can accomplish.” said New York City Mission Society President Elsie McCabe Thompson.

“I am so honored to receive this award from the National Association of Social Workers,” Prabhakar says. “I take it as an affirmation that the work we’re doing at the Mission Society really matters, and I remain as committed as ever to providing high-quality programs and services to the communities we serve. I am grateful to my colleagues at the Mission Society who work with me to make my vision a reality.”

About the New York City Mission Society

The New York City Mission Society has been on the frontlines of the war on poverty for more than 200 years. Today, our progressive portfolio of educational, workforce development, cultural enrichment, and community-building programs, make a positive, long-term impact on the City’s most underserved communities by promoting academic achievement, and providing career opportunities and cultural enrichment. Each year, we serve more than 10,000 children and families throughout New York City with our programs, supportive services, and community events. Learn more at <http://www.nycmissionsociety.org>.

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