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Noted Philanthropist Jean Shafiroff Named to NYC Mission Society Board of Directors



New York, N.Y. – Jean Shafiroff, noted philanthropist who is actively involved as a volunteer fundraiser and leader of several New York City and Southampton charitable causes, has been elected to NYC Mission Society’s Board of Directors, effective October 15, 2014.

Ms. Shafiroff already has devoted her time to helping NYC Mission Society. On March 12, 2014, Ms. Shafiroff was honored by NYC Mission Society at its annual Gala and received the Dina Merrill Award for Public Service. She co-chaired a successful event in East Hampton on August 30th and the nonprofit’s Bicentennial Gala in December 2012, and she is co-chairing the annual Gala planned for Spring 2015.

“I believe deeply in the work of NYC Mission Society and how it changes the lives of our most underserved children in New York City. NYC Mission Society is interested in adding business and community leaders to its Board – individuals who are focused on advancing our city’s children forward through education and supportive after school programs,” Jean Shafiroff said. “I am here to support the Board and Elsie McCabe Thompson, who I believe is moving NYC Mission forward with strong leadership.”

“Jean Shafiroff possesses a remarkable ability to connect charitable groups with people and resources to advance their mission, and her generosity and compassion are simply infectious,” said NYC Mission Society President Elsie McCabe Thompson. “She has an enthusiastic dedication to help others.”

“NYC Mission Society has been fortunate to work with Jean Shafiroff because of her deep commitment to support children in need,” said Derek E. Steinhiser, Chair of the NYC Mission Society Board of Directors. “We were proud to honor Jean for her commitment to our mission at our annual gala earlier this year, and are grateful that she has reinvested in us.”

“Having worked with Jean Shafiroff on our last gala, it became clear that she truly wants to make a difference. She is someone who puts words into action, all to the benefit of others. We welcome Jean to our board, and to the NYC Mission family,” said Lloyd W. Brown, II, immediate Past Board Chair. “We are extremely happy that she is giving more of her time and energy to help NYC Mission Society strengthen its presence and programs during this third century of service to New York City.”



Each year, Ms. Shafiroff chairs numerous galas and hosts events benefiting not-for-profit organizations. Some of the galas she has chaired include those for the New York Women's Foundation, Southampton Hospital, Southampton Animal Shelter, French Heritage Society, JBFCS, Lighthouse International, American Cancer Society, Southampton Bath and Tennis Club's Charitable Foundation and Solar One. She additionally sits on the boards of the New York Women's Foundation, Couture Council, French Heritage Society, JBFCS, Advisory Board of Lighthouse Guild, Southampton Bath and Tennis Club's Charitable Foundation, Honorary Board of Southampton Animal Shelter.

ABOUT NYC MISSION SOCIETY

NYC Mission Society is a multi-service community-based organization that improves the lives of children, youth and families in the city's most underserved communities. Through programs and services that respond to community needs, we create cycles of success for generation to come. Learn more at www.nycmissionsociety.org.