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MAYOR MINER HONORS 2013 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

*Mayor Will Honor North Side Activist Daryl Files with
2013 Syracuse Woman of the Year Award*

Miner: Daryl Files is a Champion of Many Causes

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner will honor retired North Side business owner, community organizer, and activist Daryl Files with the 2013 Woman of the Year Award. A ceremony honoring Daryl and recognizing other nominees will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 5:00 PM in the Atrium of City Hall Commons, 201 East Washington Street.

“It is always a great honor to give recognition to one of the many unsung heroines who serves our neighborhoods,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “Daryl Files is a champion of many causes and the North Side is a better place because of her.”

A long-time North Side resident, Daryl Files is a retired small business owner. She is a community organizer who has been focused on neighborhood preservation, women’s empowerment, and working with the new American community. She has been active in the Interfaith Works’ Center for New Americans and Women Transcending Boundaries. She works to revitalize the Butternut Street Corridor through her Butternut Style Initiative and the worked to establish the Tapestry Garden. She was also an organizer of the A-OK! weekend of service.

[The Syracuse Commission for Women](#), which made the selection, was established in the 1980s to advise the Mayor on women’s issues in the community. Today, the Commission consists of ten members and focuses on organizing and empowering women and girls



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throughout the community and empowering volunteerism across the city. Their latest project is organizing a career exploration series for middle school girls this June.

The Commission made a call for Nominees in February, reviewed nominations, and narrowed the list down. A selection was made at a meeting in mid-March. 2013 marks the third time the Commission has awarded the prize. Previous honorees include Linda Donaldson and Grace Flusche.

Other nominees for the 2013 Woman of the Year award were: Willie Mary Andrews, Marilyn Higgins, Dorothy Matthews, Agnes McCray, Laura Serway, Cindy Seymour, Diane Turner, and Rose Viviano. They will also be recognized for their ongoing community activism at the 2013 Woman of the Year award ceremony.

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