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MINER ANNOUNCES 2015 SYRACUSE WOMAN OF THE YEAR TO BE LINDA MCNALLY

*The Syracuse Woman of the Year Is Selected Annually
By the Members of the Mayor's Commission for Women*

*McNally Will Be Honored at a Ceremony on Thursday Evening
At City Hall Commons*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today that Linda McNally will be the 2015 Syracuse Woman of the Year. This award, which is selected by the City of Syracuse Commission for Women, honors a woman in the community who has made a difference for people in lives residents. A ceremony honoring Linda will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the atrium at City Hall Commons.

“Linda has made an incredible difference in our community and I am proud we are able to bestow this honor on her,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “She has worked for years serving the people most in need and making our neighborhoods a better place for everyone to live. We’re pleased to recognize someone who has done so much good for so many in the community.”

Linda McNally is the Director of Senior Services for the Salvation Army in Syracuse. Before that, she worked for 24 years at Huntington Family Centers in many different roles and helped to make that organization a beacon of hope for everyone who entered its doors. Linda followed in the footsteps of her grandmother, Laura Kohles, who served as Executive Director of Huntington Family Centers when Linda was a young woman.

“My family has been involved in Syracuse for generations and being involved in the community and being a volunteer has just been a clear choice throughout my life,” said **Linda McNally**, the 2015 Syracuse Woman of the Year. “I never expected an award recognizing my work in the community—I just want help people feel like they have a place of value in our community. It is a

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tremendous honor and I am so humbled. I thank the members of the Commission for Women for this unique recognition and I look forward to continuing to work together to make Syracuse a better place.”

Linda has been a volunteer board member of the Southwest Community Center, a member of the United Way Speakers’ Bureau, and a member of the Eastwood Neighborhood Association. She is also involved in the preparation of young professional women in human services.

The Syracuse Commission for Women, which made the selection, was established by Mayor Thomas G. Young in the 1980s to advise the Mayor on women’s issues in the community. The commission now consists of nine members from different walks of life across the City of Syracuse. Today, the commission works on advocacy projects focused on empowering young women and encouraging volunteerism.

Past awardees have been Kelliann Gingold, Daryl Files, Linda Donalson, and Grace Flusche.

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