

Company: Women in Need (Win), New York, NY

Nomination Submitted by: SKDK

Company Description: Win is the largest provider of shelter and supportive housing for families experiencing homelessness in the United States. For over 40 years, Win has provided safe housing, trauma-informed services, and innovative programs to help families rebuild their lives. Win's services are guided by its mission to help families in shelters attain permanent housing and by providing essential services.

Nomination Category: Individual Awards Categories

Nomination Sub Category: Female Executive of the Year – Government or Non-Profit –11 to 2,500 Employees

Nomination Title: Christine C. Quinn is the President and CEO



1. Which will you submit for your nomination in this category, a video of up to five (5) minutes, explaining the achievements since July 1, 2023 of the nominated woman, OR written answers to the questions? (Choose one):

Written answers to the questions

2. If you are submitting a video of up to five (5) minutes in length, provide the URL of the video here, OR attach it to your entry via the "Add Attachments, Videos, or Links to This Entry" link above, through which you may also upload a copy of your video. If you are submitting written answers to the questions for this category, provide them in the spaces below:

3. Briefly describe the nominated individual: history and past performance (up to 200 words):

Christine C. Quinn is the President and CEO of Win, the largest provider of shelter and supportive housing for families experiencing homelessness across the nation. Under her leadership, Win operates 16 shelters and over 450 units of supportive housing across all five New York City boroughs. For over 40 years, Win has provided safe housing, trauma-informed services, and innovative programs to help families receive individualized care and rebuild their lives. In the past year, Win has served nearly 12,400 homeless people, including over 6,700 children, and helped almost 1,000 families transition out of shelter into homes of their own. With over 30 years in public service – including as New York City Council Speaker – Christine's advocacy-informed work is the blueprint for how the city can support New York's unhoused families and pave a brighter, more equitable future for the Empire State.

4. Outline the nominee's achievements since July 1 2023 that you wish to bring to the judges' attention (up to 250 words):

Christine's advocacy has been instrumental in the passage of critical legislation providing long-term, humane solutions to address New York's homelessness crisis. She successfully fought for the first-ever inclusion of \$50 million in funding for the [Housing Access Voucher Program \(HAVP\)](#) in the New York Fiscal Year 26 State Budget, a landmark program expected to support more than 5,700 families to permanent housing. She also fought for and secured an increase in the value of CityFHEPS housing vouchers so families could afford the median rent in 25 neighborhoods across New York City — up from 0 neighborhoods before the change. Christine also secured an audit from the City Comptroller of the PATH intake center for homeless families. Christine works closely with partners across the city, including New York City Councilman Erik Bottcher, to introduce legislation to increase mental health resources at homeless shelters. Christine has also overseen the opening of several new shelter facilities such as [Ruby Dee](#) - the first shelter designed, owned, and operated by Win.

5. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 250 words):

6. Explain why the achievements you have highlighted are unique or significant. If possible compare the achievements to the performance of other players in your industry and/or to the nominee's past performance (up to 250 words):

New York City's homeless crisis is unprecedented. 100,000 New Yorkers are homeless. This means there are enough homeless New Yorkers to fill up Yankee Stadium twice, and there are more homeless children than there are seats in Madison Square Garden. Christine is on a mission to break stigmas and build public awareness about the true face of homelessness which is often misunderstood. She understands that changing public sentiment is one of the keys to solving this crisis. Together with state and local partners, Chrisitne Quinn isn't waiting on the City of New York to address these systemic failures - she's using her platform and experience as a public servant to take action and make this change.

Win secured \$50 million in the FY 26 New York State Budget for a first of its kind Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP), partnered with advocates to win a lawsuit halting the City of New York from removing a crucial housing voucher incentive, released its Project Hope report to counteract proposed cuts to federal housing assistance, and rallied New York City Mayoral candidates against disastrous rent hikes that would force thousands of people onto the streets.

This year, Win celebrated the opening of Ruby Dee, the first shelter developed, designed, owned, and operated by Win. The opening of Ruby Dee marked a major victory for Christine in her advocacy to transform the city's financing model to foster expedited shelter developments, and more shelters are set to come online in the following years.

Attachments/Videos/Links:

[Christine C. Quinn is the President and CEO](#)



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