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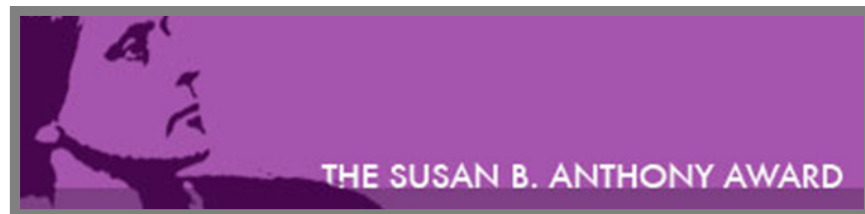
30th Annual
Susan B. Anthony Awards

February 19th, 2010

6:00 p.m.

The Tibet House

New York City



Welcome

Jane Manning, NOW-NYC President
Sonia Ossorio, NOW-NYC Executive Director

Performance

YaaSamar! Dance Theater

Susan B. Anthony Award Presentations

Venita Pinckney Anti-Shackling Activist

Shelby Knox Sex Education Activist

Rebekah Spicuglia Noncustodial Parent Advocate

Ninaj Raoul Community Organizer for Haitian Refugees

Lyn Pentecost Founder, Lower Eastside Girls Club

Special Presenters

State Senator Velmanette Montgomery

Joy Rose, Mamapalooza Inc. & Former Awardee

Madeline Lamour Holder,

New York Women's Foundation

Margarita Lopez, Commissioner,

New York City Housing Authority

Closing Remarks, Reception to Follow

Jane Manning, NOW-NYC President

**Congratulations, Shelby,
on your achievements.**

You are an inspiration!

**Gloria Steinem &
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Thank You!

**You have respected and held
Susan B. Anthony up as an
example your entire adult life.**

**How appropriate for you to receive
an award in her name!**

**Congratulations,
Mary Spink**

**Rebekah,
Congratulations on this
well-deserved award!**

**What an amazing woman!
We are all so proud of you.
Keep rockin!**

**Lots of WMC love,
Jehmu, Tristin, Rachell, Stephanie,
Leslie, Catherine, Michaela, Tahira &
WMC Board of Directors**

Venita Pinckney When giving birth to her son last year while serving a sentence at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Venita Pinckney was placed in waist restraints, ankle shackles, and handcuffs. Her terrible experience inspired her to become both a leader and tenacious ally in the fight to end the cruel practice of shackling inmates during labor. By raising her voice, Venita helped push through a legislative victory that bans the use of restraints on inmates during labor and post-delivery recovery. The success of the anti-shackling legislation would not have been possible without the activism of women like Venita.

Shelby Knox When Shelby Knox realized that many of her female classmates in Lubbock, Texas were coming to school pregnant, her life as a model Southern Baptist teen changed forever. In a highly conservative town with some of the highest teen pregnancy and STI rates in the country, her brave quest for comprehensive sex education began at age 15 when she publicly challenged the practices of preachers and teachers. Her journey is documented in the Sundance award-winning film, *The Education of Shelby Knox*. Shelby has since become a feminist organizer and a national advocate for comprehensive sex education.

Rebekah Spicuglia is not a woman who sits on the sidelines when she sees an issue that needs attention. As a noncustodial mom, she recognized the lack of awareness of and bias toward mothers like herself. She responded by creating a NonCustodial Parent Community blog, becoming a spokesperson on parenting issues, and fostering a community and a movement. Since then, MSN recognized Rebekah as one of eight "Moms Inspired to Change History," and she has been featured in or written for *The New York Times*, *Huffington Post*, *MomsRising*, the *TODAY Show*, and *Marie Claire*, among others.

Ninaj Raoul answered a call by the U.S. Justice Department for Creole interpreters to go to Guantanamo Bay in 1991, where thousands of Haitians were detained after fleeing persecution. After returning to Brooklyn, she found herself opening her own home to pregnant Haitian refugees flown into the U.S. with no resources. A first-hand witness to the ordeals faced by those seeking asylum here, she translated need into action, co-founding Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees to provide housing and support to hundreds of families. She continues to mobilize her community to deliver help where it's needed most.

Lyn Pentecost sprang into action when the Boys Club of New York refused to follow the national trend of opening its membership to girls. She mobilized women in her neighborhood, and the Lower Eastside Girls Club was born. For years, the club operated out of church basements and make-shift spaces, but thanks to Lyn's efforts the club is poised to break ground on a multi-level, state-of-the-art facility. Lyn has worked tirelessly to help her community create a space for girls and to help young women flourish and thrive.

The Lower Eastside Girls Club

Board of Directors

is proud to congratulate our

Executive Director

Lyn Pentecost

on receiving the

Susan B. Anthony Award



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