

The **16th** Annual

WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Benefiting the **First Step** Job Training Program

Honoring **Credit Suisse**
Featuring Speaker **Arianna Huffington**

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, April 8, 2010, 11:30am - 2:00pm
The Pierre Hotel, Fifth Avenue at 61st Street, NYC

To purchase tickets at an **Early Bird** rate, please visit <http://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/wmb/>
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Heroes for the Homeless

Every year homeless New Yorkers' lives are affected by policies adopted by City, State and Federal officeholders, and by budget decisions. Coalition for the Homeless applauds lawmakers who look out for the needs of homeless, low-income and disabled New Yorkers, even when they receive criticism for their actions. Here is a shout out to State officials who made heroic efforts to help the neediest New Yorkers in 2009:

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver defended seniors and disabled New Yorkers from day one and defeated Governor Paterson's ill-advised proposal to cut State benefits for SSI recipients.

Senator Daniel Squadron and **Assemblymember Keith Wright** introduced legislation (passed by the Assembly) to stop the NYC Department

of Homeless Services from forcing homeless families to pay "rent" to stay in homeless shelters.

Assemblymember Keith Wright and scores of his colleagues in both houses supported restoration and expansion of programs that support a number of the 11 direct service programs operated by Coalition for the Homeless (and other charities).

Assemblymember Rory Lancman introduced legislation to penalize hate crimes against homeless New Yorkers.

Assemblymember Jonathan Bing and **Senator Liz Krueger** advanced legislation (opposed by the Office of the Mayor of the City of New York) to fix the inequity in the income cap for the Disability Rent Increase Exemption Program.

Senator Tom Duane and **Assemblymember Deborah Glick**

advanced legislation (passed by the Senate after a powerful speech by Senator Duane) to institute a 30 percent cap on rents for HASA clients with AIDS and HIV.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senators Liz Krueger, Tom Duane, Jose Serrano, and Eric Schneiderman, and Assemblymember Jonathan Bing designated legislative funds to support Coalition programs.

Governor Paterson, Assemblymembers Joe Morelle and Peter Rivera, and Senators Shirley Huntley, Neil Breslin and Tom Duane won passage of legislation making Timothy's Law (mental health insurance parity) permanent.

Thanks to ALL of our heroes and their colleagues who fight for our homeless neighbors!