Mt. Kisco, NY, August 12, 2019 – Nonprofit Westchester, which strengthens the impact, capacity and visibility of the county’s nonprofit sector, announces that four new members have joined the organization: Mercy College, Hope’s Door, the harris project and Sparc, Inc. These four expand the membership to 166 nonprofits, spanning the range from health, education, human and legal services, to libraries and civic organizations.

“We’re delighted to welcome these new members to NPW,” says Jan Fisher, interim director, Nonprofit Westchester. “They broaden our membership base and enable NPW to represent even more segments of the nonprofit sector.”

Mercy College, based in Dobbs Ferry, is an independent, coeducational college founded in 1950 that offers more than 90 undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs within five schools.

“Mercy College is pleased to join Nonprofit Westchester, and support its advocacy efforts on behalf of nonprofits across the County. The College shares Nonprofit Westchester’s commitment to developing a thriving community,” says Laura Plunkett, director, public relations and community relations, Mercy College.

Hope’s Door is an agency that seeks to end domestic violence and empower victims to achieve safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse. Executive Director CarlLa Horton says, “We want to join together with sister agencies to advance our shared missions of improving life for those we serve in Westchester.”

the harris project supports the prevention of co-occurring disorders and the development and implementation of best treatment to meet the complex needs of the individual. Stephanie Marquesano, founder and president, adds, “As a new member of Nonprofit Westchester, I look forward to networking with other Westchester not-for-profits as we work to create the best opportunities for Westchester residents to thrive and succeed. I am excited to develop new friendships, learn, share and collaborate with other members.”

SPARC provides support and services to children, youth, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside in Westchester and the surrounding New York City area. SPARC provides a diverse selection of arts, sports, resources, social skills and wellness programs for participants.

“Our membership in Nonprofit Westchester will bring value to SPARC, Inc.,” explains Kathleen Macias-Torres, executive director, “by supporting its strategic direction thru vital resources and
development of new partnerships within Westchester County. Overall, this will impact SPARC by increasing organizational visibility, expanding services, diversifying funding streams, and supporting me with networking opportunities.”

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Nonprofit Westchester (NPW) is Westchester’s only membership organization solely dedicated to advancing the needs and interests of the county's nonprofit sector. Representing 165 nonprofit organizations, NPW provides professional development, community education, agency consultation, networking and advocacy that strengthen all of Westchester and provides opportunities for all people to thrive in just and caring communities. For more information, visit [www.npwestchester.org](http://www.npwestchester.org).

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