

Middlesex County Federation of Democratic Women Presents



Hats On for Women

2026 MCFDW ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 | 12–4 PM | PINES MANOR, EDISON

Recognizing that women have always worn many hats—coach, mother, director, teacher, nurse, and more—this annual fundraiser brings the community together to honor exceptional women. This year, the MCFDW will recognize two honorees who exemplify going above and beyond in service and leadership.

- **Blanquita B. Valenti Award:** Middlesex County woman who holds or has held elected office and reflects community-minded leadership.
- **Spirit of Service Award:** Middlesex County woman who has not held elected office and demonstrates exceptional service.

AWARD CRITERIA

- **Nominee** must have demonstrated outstanding performance, innovation, leadership, or acts of kindness or service that have significantly impacted a Middlesex County community during the past year.
- **Nominee** must be a registered Democrat.
- **Nominee** must display qualities that go “above and beyond” in one or more areas:
 - **Community Engagement & Leadership** – Taking part and/or leading efforts to improve the local community, address community issues, and/or raise awareness of upholding democratic values.
 - **Volunteerism & Philanthropy** – Donating time or services to local organizations.
 - **Public Service** – Employment or involvement in public service fields including education, law enforcement, emergency services, healthcare, and/or local government.

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

MCFDW members are encouraged to submit a nomination by providing the nominee’s name and an explanation of why they embody the spirit of the award—including what motivated their service and the impact they have made on the community—to info@mcfdw.org by **March 8th**. Multiple nominations are welcome.

Winners will be announced **mid-March**.

