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2022 “Hero for Children” Award Goes to Cortland County’s Megan Thomas

CORTLAND, NY – Congratulations to Megan Thomas, Cortland County Child Advocacy Center's Multi-Disciplinary (MDT) Team Facilitator, for being awarded the "Hero for Children" Award at the New York State Children’s Alliance’s (NYSCA) Leadership Conference in Saratoga, NY on October 5, 2022.

The "Hero for Children" award recognizes an MDT member who has made significant contributions towards promoting the best interests of abused and neglected children throughout the state of New York in 2022. The recipient supports NYSCA’s mission in their respective profession, the community at large, and serves as an inspiration to others.

Megan is a team player, who always exudes positive energy and a hard work ethic. Her leadership contributions to the Child Advocacy Center in Cortland County have made it an invaluable resource for the protection of children. In her role as the MDT Facilitator, she is the main point of contact for the coordination of child abuse investigations. Megan is well-liked and respected by everyone. As a way to show appreciation to team members for the difficult work that they do, Megan gives out "Proud of the Work You Do and the Difference You Make” badges with a \$5 coffee gift certificate each month and holds quarterly Appreciation Luncheons. When it comes to community outreach events, you will find her full of energy, smiling, and engaging the children in activities. You would also be surprised to hear that she does her best brainstorming on Fridays. The Child Advocacy Center team comes together to bring Megan’s ideas to fruition. For those who don’t know this, the One Too Many NY 5K idea came from Megan... most likely on a Friday.

Cortland County is excited to have her accomplishments recognized on a State level! Great work, Megan!

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