

Meet the Grantmakers in Westchester

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Profile Form

ORGANIZATION/FOUNDATION NAME:

New York Life Foundation

PANELIST NAME & TITLE:

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INTERESTS:

(e.g., Fields of interest, areas funded, types of support or service, geographic region, exclusions, etc.)

The Foundation's focus theme is "Nurturing the Children." Areas of interest include educational enhancement, mentoring, children's bereavement, and "safe places to learn and grow." The funding is split between New York City, Westchester and national. Outside of New York the Foundation has several key cities of interest.

CONTRIBUTIONS/SERVICE SUMMARY

(e.g., 2008 disbursements, average grant size or range, summary of technical assistance etc.)

2008 contributions: \$10.5 million

PANELIST BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Marlyn Torres is Assistant Vice President of Corporate Responsibility and Senior Program Officer of the New York Life Foundation. She is responsible for developing and monitoring Foundation grants and handling the fiscal management of the grants portfolio. Ms. Torres also provides leadership to promote the New York Life Foundation's mission and strategic initiatives through policy development and collaboration with key organizations.

Ms. Torres most recently served as the Program Officer for the Clark Foundation, which supports programs in New York City in the areas of education, employment training, social services and nonprofit management assistance. Prior to that, Ms. Torres was an Associate at JP Morgan Private Bank's Philanthropic Services department, and before that, worked for the New York Community Trust, the largest community foundation in United States. She also has served as Policy Associate for Child Care, Inc., a resource and referral agency in New York City and was a Public Policy Fellow for the National Puerto Rican Coalition.

Ms. Torres earned a B.A. degree in Political Science from Fordham University and a M.P.A. from New York University. Ms. Torres completed an internship at the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. She is a board member of the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers (NYRAG) and serves on the City Connect Committee. She has also served on the steering, program, and mentoring committees of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy, a peer network group of NYRAG.