



City of Syracuse

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Women Transcending Boundaries
3049 E. Genesee Street
Syracuse, NY 13214

Dear Leadership and Members of Women Transcending Boundaries:

It gives us great pleasure to acknowledge the tremendous efforts you have undertaken on behalf of the city of Syracuse, its residents and visitors. Over the past few years we have been aware of your organization, *Women Transcending Boundaries*, and have watched it blossom. We feel fortunate to have you in our midst.

Born out of the difficult times following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, *Women Transcending Boundaries* was your brainchild. You wanted to create a better tomorrow in the wake of some very difficult times. Today, almost nine years after the inception of your vision, we are humbled by your dedication.

With your vision to establish this organization, dedicated to fostering cultural understanding, you created an outlet for mutual coexistence, peace and harmony in this community - a vision that resonates with each of us on the Common Council. We applaud your efforts to transform the entire city and region into a Kindness Center through **A-OK! Acts of Kindness Weekend** in Syracuse on September 11 and 12th and foresee this as a prelude to making Syracuse a *city of compassion*.

We are so very proud of what you have accomplished by bringing together approximately one hundred area community groups committed to undertake projects during this weekend. This is such a wonderful tribute to this community and to the memory of September 11, 2001.

We want to acknowledge and applaud your efforts and let you know how much we respect the level of community volunteerism you have been able to harness through simple acts of kindness.

Most Sincerely,

Members of the Syracuse Common Council

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