

## *Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz*

Marilyn joined the Board of Directors in 1984 and since that time has served in the capacity of President, Chair of the Home Care Committee, Chair and Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Technology Committee, Chair of the Annual Meeting Committee, Chair of the Diversity and Personnel Committee, Vice-Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Dedication during the 2007/2008 year, and Co-Chair of the Manhattan Borough Council.

As well as a participating member of the Executive, Compliance and Ethics, Incident Oversight, Human Rights, Long Range Planning and Development, and Sibling committees. She was a sister of a person with a developmental disability above all else – and helped to create AHRC NYC's sibling services working alongside Dr. Jack Gorelick at a time when sibling services did not exist anywhere. As an Officer of the Board, in addition to serving as President, Marilyn served as 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Recording Corresponding Secretary.

She also served as President of Home Care and President of New Projects/Real Property.

She was a member of the NYSARC Board of Governors.

Leading up to and concurrent with these volunteer responsibilities, Marilyn was a professional nurse since 1963, with advanced degrees that enabled her to be a psychiatric, mental health clinician and Professor of Nursing at Columbia University and Pace University. Additionally, she was Dean of the Lienhard School of Nursing, Pace University and Provost of Pace University.

Marilyn also served as a board member on Access Community Health Center, VNS of Westchester County, and Board of Visitors of MDC.

### **List of Volunteer Activities for NYSARC Inc.**

Dr. Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz was an active member of NYSARC's Board of Governors from 1997 to 2012. She served as Chair of the NYSARC Prevention Committee, a committee devoted to providing information regarding the prevention of developmental disabilities. Additionally, while on the Board of Governors, through the Adult Day Services Committee, she initiated workshops about siblings of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, as well as workshops regarding issues associated with aging.