



THE STEVIE® AWARDS FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Dr. Marlene Mahipat



Company: Dr. Marlene Mahipat

Company Description: Dr. Marlene founded and runs two nonprofits H.O.P.E. and P.L.E.A.S.E. that help people (human services) and animals.

Nomination Category: Individual Awards Categories

Nomination Sub Category: Lifetime Achievement – Government or Non-Profit

Nomination Title: [Dr. Marlene N. Mahipat](#)

Describe for the judges the nominated individual's lifetime of accomplishments (up to 525 words):

Dr. Mahipat founded two nonprofits: Helping Orphans Prosper Everywhere (HOPE) and People Letting Every Animal Survive Euthanasia (PLEASE). She is actively involved in both and through them she feeds and clothes the homeless, provides school supplies to needy children, provides toys, presents, and holiday meals for needy families and also aids the elderly, disabled, and low income. She also provides financial aid, pet food and supplies, and transportation for animals, pets, and the pet owners. Through her nonprofit HOPE she has directly affected the lives of over 500 individuals internationally, as well as over 5,400 locally in the United States. An additional 6,500 meals and toiletry packages have been provided to the unsheltered homeless population.

She has visited orphanages in Mexico and brought toys and medical supplies to those children. She has provided medical supplies and toys to children in Trinidad. She has purchased, wrapped and delivered over 5,000 toys to needy children. She has supplied groceries for over 300 families and Meals on Wheels recipients. She has paid for 300 young girls to join the Girl Scouts. Although she is based out of the Baltimore, MD area she has personally traveled to and provided supplies and aid to people and animals in other parts of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Mexico, and Trinidad.

Through her nonprofit PLEASE she has rescued and adopted out or relocated over 500 abandoned, abused, or stray animals. She has provided pet food and supplies for over 1,000 pets

and pet owners. And through HOPE & PLEASE, she has helped people all across the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Guatemala, and other parts of the world. Even before founding her nonprofits she was involved in charity work. She moved to the U.S. in 1990 and became a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. Even though she didn't have a vehicle she would take the bus to help assemble the meals and to this day in Maryland she is still a Meals on Wheels volunteer delivery driver. She is the recipient of many awards.

2015 –

Enterprising Women of the Year Award

Maryland Top 100 Women Award (3rd time) Circle of Excellence

Citizen of the Year – Knights of Columbus

2014 –

Broward College Alumni Hall of Distinction Service to the Community Award – finalist

Enterprising Women of the Year – Honorable Mention

2013 –

Grandfamilies PTSA Community Partner of the Year (for HOPE)

Martin Luther King Jr. Content of Character Award

Maryland Top 100 Award (2nd time)

2012 –

Top 100 MBE Award (2nd time)

2011 –

Maryland Chiropractor of the Year

Maryland Health Care Heroes – Finalist

Sherman College of Chiropractic – Distinguished Service Award

Trinidad & Tobago Association of Baltimore, Inc. – In Recognition of Community Service Award

2010 –

100 Black Men Honor WPO: Women of Color Award

Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame

Top 100 MBE Award

2009 –

Maryland Top 100 Women Award

Meals on Wheels Volunteer of the Year

2008 –

Women Making a Difference Award from the Baltimore County Commission for Women

2006 –

Smart Woman/Smart CEO Bravo Business Achievement Award

2005 –

Harlow Fullwood, Jr. Service Above Self Award

Provide a brief biography of the nominated individual (up to 125 words):

Dr. Marlene Mahipat was born in Trinidad and moved to the United States in 1990. She came to this country with only \$300.00 and two suitcases. She had many struggles, which included working three jobs and going to school full time. She received her Doctor of Chiropractic Degree in 2001 from Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic. She moved to Maryland in 2002 to

pursue a career in Chiropractics where she started a company called Mediquest in 2004. She founded Helping Orphans Prosper Everywhere (H.O.P.E.) in 2006 – a non-profit children’s foundation that focuses on providing food, clothes, vitamins and educational supplies to underprivileged and displaced children. She also started People Letting Every Animal Survive Euthanasia (P.L.E.A.S.E.) in 2006 – a non-profit pet and animal foundation.