



**Hudson Valley Women in Corrections and Community Supervision:
8th Annual Training Day
April 7, 2014**

Hudson Valley Women in Corrections and Community Supervision hosted its 8th Annual Training Day on March 14, 2014, during Women's History Month. This year's theme was "Honoring Women of Courage, Character, and Commitment" which was also the theme for the 2014 Women's History Month.

The organization's mission is to instill in all attendees their value as a person, an employee, a colleague, and a co-worker. They provide a forum for present and retired employees to interact with each other, build a support network and have an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences. The members support the Department by providing quality training that promotes personal and professional growth and enhances the leadership skills of all employees.

The event kicked off with a welcome address delivered by Deputy Commissioner Daniel Martuscello III followed by few guest speakers that spoke on leadership, finances and human trafficking. They are as follows:

Topic: Leadership

Jill Lenard-Horne, Bureau Chief of the Poughkeepsie Community Supervision Office
Ada Perez, Superintendent at Downstate Correctional Facility

Financial Panel

NYS Balance, US Alliance Credit Union and Deferred Compensation
Ken Mahoney of Assets Management

Topic: Human Trafficking

Karen O'Hara, Mrs. New York State International 2013, Founder/Director of United Hands of Hope House and Ambassador of Hope-Shared Hope International.

Overall, there were 280 attendees from 21 correctional facilities, Central Office and numerous Community Supervision locations. Due to the generous proceeds from raffle baskets, organizers were able to divide and donate \$6,000 to the community, specifically two veteran organizations- the Guardian House in Ballston Spa, NY and the Ulster County Patriot's Project, as well as the United Hands of Hope House which assists victims of human trafficking.

Next year's event takes place on March 20, 2015. Thank you to all who made this year's event a success!