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All Stars Project celebrates *Women Who Care About All Children* at Lincoln Center gala



Four of the five 2007 All Stars gala honorees (from left): Linda Andryc, Gail Elberg, Nancy Taylor and Tammye Jones.

Fifty youth hosts and performers; actress/comedienne Fran Drescher; dancer/choreographer, Desmond Richardson, and gala host and ABC *Nightline* correspondent, Vicki Mabrey, were joined by 500 Wall Street executives at the All Stars Project's ninth annual black-tie benefit dinner and awards ceremony. The theme was "Women Who Care About All Children," and the event

was held Monday, April 16 at the New York State Theatre at Lincoln Center. The gala raised \$1.5 million for All Stars' youth programs.

Lindra Andryc, educator and philanthropist; Gail Elberg, national leader in volunteerism and the All Stars' director of volunteer and internship programs; Tammye

Jones, youth mentor and educator; Daphne Rubin-Vega, actress and Nancy Taylor, philanthropist, were honored.

Two special performances by All Stars youth highlighted the benefit.

The All Stars Project, now in its 26th year, partners with the private sector — philanthropists and foundations — to bring outside of school educational opportunities to thousands of inner city youth in New York City, Newark, New Jersey and Chicago. Its youth programs, which employ a performance-based approach to development, include the All Stars Talent Show Network, the Development School for Youth, the Production of Youth by Youth and Youth Onstage!. The All Stars can be found on the web at www.allstars.org.



Actress/comedienne and All Stars Project Artist Committee member, Fran Drescher (2nd from left) and dancer/choreographer and Artist Committee member, Desmond Richardson (far right) with All Stars youth leaders Lisa Atkins and Amanda Williams.



All Stars Project alumna, Nichelle "Browneyes" Brown: All Stars Director of Youth Programs, Pamela A. Lewis and honoree, actress Daphne Rubin-Vega.

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