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County Executive receives Rockland's first ACE award

Vanderhoef awarded Rockland's first human rights honor for Achieving Community Equality

New City, NY – Rockland County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef was presented with the Rockland County Commission on Human Rights ACE (Achieving Community Equality) Award at the Commission's 3rd Annual conference last month.



Created this year by the Commission on Human Rights, the ACE award honors individuals who work towards increasing human dignity by helping to achieve community equality in Rockland County.

The 2009 award was given to Vanderhoef for his efforts to promote understanding between communities, building partnerships among the County's diverse groups and finding creative solutions to resolve human rights issues, said Human Rights Commissioner Dr. S. Ram Nagubandi.

Nagubandi presented Vanderhoef with a plaque commemorating the honor and a gold "key to humanity" at the conference.

"If I had the key to humanity, I would have used it," Vanderhoef said. "It is an honor to be the first recipient of this award. If we in Rockland truly unite as a community, we will rise above and achieve equality for all."

The Rockland County Commission on Human Rights, established in 1963, is mandated to help insure the rights of equal opportunity and equal protection to all community residents. The commission receives and investigates complaints of alleged discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. People who believe that they are the victims of illegal discrimination should contact the Human Rights Commission at 845-708-7200 or visit us at 2 New Hempstead Road in New City.

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