

Interfaith Older Adult Programs: Rep. Brostoff and mother to receive first ever Generational Gem Award

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MILWAUKEE —Interfaith Older Adult Programs will present the first ever Generational Gem Award to Phyllis Brostoff, CEO of Stowell Associates Inc. and her son State Rep. Jonathan Brostoff during the organization's 12th annual Pearls of Wisdom Celebration and Fundraiser.

The award honors persons of different generations who have inspired each other, and as a result, have created new and better ways of providing service to others. The event will be held on Thursday, April 27, at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee West in Wauwatosa, WI.

"I have known and worked with Phyllis for more than 40 years. She has had a profound and lasting influence on generations of social workers. She has modeled the very best in Geriatric Care Management and has shared her knowledge and talent throughout this nation," said Stephanie Sue Stein, Interim Executive Director for the agency. "It is also my privilege to be a constituent of Rep. Brostoff. He is a champion for issues that affect the elderly, children, those with mental illness and the poor. He is a rising star in Wisconsin politics. Interfaith is so excited to honor this incredible mother and son."

State Rep. Jonathan Brostoff grew up volunteering and being a community advocate. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2011. In 2016, the University Alumni Association honored him with the Graduate of the Last Decade Award.

Working for homeless shelters and social service agencies, Brostoff habitually dedicates his time to helping others. His legislative goals include : disability advocacy, Hmong rights, deaf and hard of hearing issues, the rights of incarcerated individuals, and mental health care support. Working to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health continues to be one of his primary goals. In the 2015-17 Session, he served on the committees of Mental Health Reform, Financial Institutions, State Affairs and Government Operations, Ways and Means, and Aging and Long Term Care. He was also a member of the task force on Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Phyllis co-founded Stowell Associates in 1983 with social worker Valerie Stefanich, and is now leading the organization as CEO. She is an active member of the National Association of Social Workers, both nationally and in the Wisconsin Chapter. She was also co-founder of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers in 1985, and served on its national board and in every office, including President in 2009.

Limited seats are available for \$125 per person. Call [414 220-8616](tel:414-220-8616) to reserve your seat. A variety of sponsorships are available for the celebration. Learn more about sponsorships call [414-220-8616](tel:414-220-8616).