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Andrea has shown a longstanding commitment in giving back to community organizations for many years. She was appointed by NYS Governor Garry Patterson in 2010 to serve on the New York State Advisory Council to the Quality of Care and Advocacy for persons with Disabilities in NY State. This organization seeks to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities, to protect and advocate for their rights. She has volunteered her time to speak with patients at Upstate Medical Center's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center who have recently acquired some form of disability. She speaks with medical students and interns on how to interact and communicate more effectively with individuals with disabilities, in order to elevate the level of care they provide.

Andrea has served as the president of the WMCA of Cortland guiding the organization through improvements to their accessibility and program enhancements, such as a complete renovation to the building entrance, enhancing accessibility and curb appeal; improvements to the building's rest rooms; and accommodation of accessible workout rooms created on the first floor. Andrea serves as President of the Cortland Stinger's Parent Committee. The Cortland Stingers is a competitive swim team of 80+ students ranging in age from 8 to 18 while working with the coaching staff and other parent sub-committees to ensure support, equipment, funding, etc.

Andrea gives of her time outside her actual job by participating in numerous committees, such as the Employee Assembly. She is passionate about her work at Cornell, and in the community at large. Through her sustained efforts, she has made a lasting impact on individuals and organizations. Her level of support for the greater community is a model of us all.

Congratulations, Andrea!

Nominated by Erik Gray