



## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Presented to*  
**Rosemary Cox Masters '61**



ROSEMARY COX MASTERS, class of 1961, we honor you today with the Alumnae Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose achievements and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the college.

You graduated from Mount Holyoke with a degree in English. Your next stop was Harvard Law School, where you were one of the fifteen remarkable women in the history-making class of 1964.

You then took a road even less traveled when, at age twenty-six, you were appointed administrative director of the Manhattan Bowery Project, a program of the Vera Institute of Justice, where you developed alternatives to incarceration for offenders who were mentally ill. Renamed Project Renewal, the program has become one of the largest and most innovative programs in the United States for alcoholic, drug addicted and mentally ill homeless people.

Your exposure to issues of mental illness within criminal justice administration led you to Hunter College School of Social Work for a master's degree in social work. In 1980, you were recruited by the New York City Victim Services Agency—now known as Safe Horizon—to develop and direct the first support and treatment program in the United States for families of homicide victims. In 1982, you started your own psychotherapy practice where you continue to see clients.

In 1990, you joined the faculty of the Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy, a not-for-profit mental health training and treatment facility in New York City. A turning point in your career—and for your profession—came in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. In the span of just days, you mobilized dozens of psychotherapists to work pro bono with hundreds of survivors and their families, as well as with the bereaved. You also developed a variety of interventional modalities for providing essential care in both individual and group settings. In addition, you had the foresight to organize a trauma study group so that clinicians could discuss and learn from each other about the impact of trauma from a catastrophic event. Out of this pioneering initiative grew the Trauma Studies Center, which you have directed since its launch in 2005. Its rigorous two-year certificate program was the first of its kind in the United States.

In recent years, you have focused on developing innovative programs addressing the effects of violent world conflicts, devastating natural crises, and unreported childhood abuse and neglect. Since 2008, the Trauma Center has worked with Pilgrim-Africa, an indigenous N.G.O. that seeks to restore community and hope in the war-ravaged Teso District of Northern Uganda. You also are a volunteer psychotherapist for Healthright International, a humanitarian organization that assists asylum seekers, and have served as an expert witness for more than fifty individuals.

Throughout your career you have worked tirelessly on behalf of those who have been neglected by national and international legal and medical systems. You have acted with integrity, compassion, vision, and courage. In recognition of your remarkable efforts, which advance the dignity of individuals and help heal the world, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you on your fiftieth reunion with the Achievement Award.

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