

# **NYRA's Adams Earns "Champions for a Cure" Recognition**

## **Edited press release**

Joanne Adams, director of community relations for the New York Racing Association and a member of Thoroughbred Times' inaugural group of "Unsung Heroes" in 2011, will be honored by the Kidney and Urology Foundation of America (KUFA) at its inaugural "Top 25 Champions for a Cure" Reception Benefit on February 7.

The awards reception, hosted by The Woodlands Country Club in Woodbury, will honor 25 individuals who have advocated in search of a cure for prostate cancer and/or kidney disease. Adams has served for several years on the committee for KUFA's Hat & Author Luncheon to which NYRA has provided promotional support and donated "Day at the Races" experience packages for auction, as well as other memorabilia.

In her role with NYRA, Adams serves as a liaison between NYRA and the local communities surrounding Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course. She coordinates NYRA's charitable giving, serves as NYRA's representative to the local business communities, and oversees NYRA's participation in community activities on and off track.

A graduate of Wheaton College, Adams currently serves as president of The Stewart Fund in Memory of St. Mary's and St. Paul's. She is a sustaining member of The Junior League of the City of New York, past president of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce Foundation and past president and board member of the Garden City Historical Society. She currently serves on the board of the Backstretch Employee Service Team (B.E.S.T.).

Adams is the recipient of the 2010 Citizen of the Year Award from the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and she was presented with the 2002 New York State Senate Liberty Award for her role as chairman of the Breeders' Cup Benefit for the Garden City Family Relief Fund. In 2011, she was selected as one of Thoroughbred racing's "Unsung Heroes" by Thoroughbred Times and was also named 2011 Businessperson of the Year by the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce.

Kidney & Urology Foundation of America is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping people with kidney and urologic diseases and individuals waiting for organ and tissue transplants.