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Last Monday, The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NYSPCC) hosted its annual Spring Luncheon featuring Actress, Author, and Mother, Drew Barrymore. Ms. Barrymore spoke and read passages from her critically praised bestselling new book, "Wildflower" before the more than 250 distinguished guests, including New York City business leaders, public officials and philanthropists, gathered at the Pierre.

The NYSPCC Spring Luncheon is dedicated to raising awareness about child abuse, neglect and maltreatment and the critical importance of community efforts to prevent and combat them.



Frank Sommerfield, Tania Higgins, Elizabeth Mayhew, Connie Newberry, Drew Barrymore, Dr. Mary Pulido, Valesca Guerrand-Hermes, Dr. Penny Grant, Maarit Glocer, David Stack, and Holly Kelly

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“With Drew Barrymore lending her support for our work, we’ve added a powerful voice to the effort to raise awareness and ensure that people understand that the issue of child abuse and neglect is urgent and critical,” said Dr. Mary L. Pulido, Executive Director of The NYSPCC.

The annual Spring Luncheon helps commemorate National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the program will help raise awareness on the most common form of child maltreatment, one of the world’s most tragic injustices.



Holly Kelly, Dr. Mary Pulido, Drew Barrymore, Lincoln Frank, and Molly Frank

For 141 years, The NYSPCC has worked to keep all kids safe from neglect and abuse through education, research, advocacy and collaboration, and working with students, educators, law enforcement, healthcare, and community leaders, to provide training and resources for the protection of children who are victims of child abuse and neglect.

Luncheon co-chairs were The Society’s Board of Directors Maarit Glocer, Valesca Guerrand-Hermès, Elizabeth Mayhew, Joan Granlund and supporters, Tania Higgins, Connie Newberry. The co-chairs helped raise money for the Trauma Recovery Program this year, which will be used for training in New York City schools. Last year’s funding resulted in new programs for two Bronx public schools.

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Nicole Miller and Valesca Guerrand-Hermes

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