

## Fox & Gordon named co-chairs of BCW council

The Business Council of Westchester has announced the appointment of Susan Fox, president and CEO of the Westchester Institute for Human Development, and Leslie Gordon, president and CEO of Feeding Westchester, as co-chairs of the BCW's Not-for-Profit Council.

Dr. Fox, a resident of Croton-



*Dr. Susan Fox*

on-Hudson, joined Westchester Institute for Human Development in Valhalla as president and CEO in 2016. She previously served as Associate Director and Clinical Assistant Professor at the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire. She holds a master's degree in Education Leadership focusing on Special Education Administration from Lesley University and a second master's and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of New Hampshire.

Ms. Gordon, a fourth-generation resident of Tarrytown, leads Elmsford-



*Leslie Gordon*

based Feeding Westchester in its mission to provide nutritious food and other resources to eradicate hunger. Prior to joining Feeding Westchester in 2017, Ms. Gordon served as a key executive at City Harvest, where she led plans to improve food access and nutrition for 500,000 low-income New Yorkers. A graduate of SUNY New Paltz with a degree in sociology, she is a frequent guest speaker at various organizations addressing issues of hunger.

"We are honored to have such distinguished leaders from the not-for-profit community to chair our Not-For-Profit Council," said BCW President and CEO Marsha Gordon (no relation to Leslie Gordon). "They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in their respective fields,"

The BCW's Not-For-Profit Council, which is comprised of members of not-for-profit organizations, meets quarterly to address issues, develop partnerships and highlight the economic contributions of the not-for-profit community. The council has been led by Ric Swierat, executive director of Westchester Arc, who has served as chair since 2002.

"Ric has made invaluable contributions to the Council," said Marsha Gordon. "He spearheaded the very first study of the economic impact of non-for-profits in

Westchester. He also educated colleagues on good governance, strategic partnerships and employment issues. He always stressed that the not-for-profits were economic contributors to the county and the business community."

The BCW is a private membership organization helping businesses market, learn, advocate and grow, and reviews federal, state and county legislation and regulations in order to assess the potential impact on the business community and to influence the outcomes through advocacy.