

Rivertown Magazine is proud to announce our "HERO OF THE MONTH" - MARTA RODRIGUEZ!!

Marta Rodriguez is an extraordinary woman. She was a NYPD officer from 1993-1998 and after moving to Rockland County she became a Spring Valley Police Officer until she retired in 2013. She has a B.A. in Theatre from Brooklyn College. After retirement she joined the Spring Valley Rotary Club and found it extremely rewarding. She became involved with S.T.E.P. (Schools to End Poverty), which provides children around the world with an opportunity to obtain an education. They assist in building schools, and offer grants and scholarships to orphans, street kids, and the less fortunate, thus enabling each child to become a productive member of society.

"S.T.E.P. is an all-volunteer organization where 100% of all donations are given directly to fund our humanitarian projects. I traveled with them to Vietnam in 2015, and am returning there with them in April. In addition to the above, we distribute bicycles to at-risk children in danger of being taken into the sex trafficking trade. These children have to walk 7 miles to reach their school. While walking to school sex traffickers try to lure them into the sex trade. You can get more information on them on www.schoolstoendpoverty.org," said Marta.

"I currently work per diem for the New York Blood Center, where I am an avid platelets donor. Blood Donations and Organ Donations are very important to me, as I experienced the loss of my brother in 2004. He was 32 years old, and #1 on the Liver List. I have chaired several blood drives in the last several years, and am in the process of attempting to donate a kidney. I'm also a member of The Rockland County Police Hispanic Society and we coordinate Road-side Clean-ups for Keep Rockland Beautiful 4 times a year," said Marta.

Marta is involved with many other charitable organizations and we salute her for all she has done for the community and the world. She was presented with a plaque by Gary Parahus, owner of Gary's Gutter Services as Rivertown Magazine's March 2018 "Hero of the Month" at Posa Posa Restaurant in Nanuet.

