

2018 Gala and Events



## FamilyKind's 6th Annual Gala & Auction

In 2018, we were excited to host our benefit at The Upper Story located in Manhattan's iconic D&D Building at 979 3rd Avenue. We experienced breathtaking views from the 14th floor windows and expansive balcony, and glorious inspiration around the importance of supporting families — no matter their configuration, and despite their financial situation.

### Honorary Co-Chairs

Honorable Stella Schindler (Ret.)

John Yacos, Esq.

### Honorees

Sharon Manewitz

Michael Duncanson Accepted the Award for the FamilyKind Advisory Council

FamilyKind was thrilled to announce the first **Annual Honorable Sondra M. Miller Award**, proudly presented to **Sharon Manewitz**. This award is given to an individual, who like Sondra M. Miller, not only believes in, but has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to empowering families and children. *Sharon Manewitz and Sondra M. Miller pictured below (middle) with Lesley Ann Friedland, founder and executive director of FamilyKind.*

We honored the **FamilyKind Advisory Council** with a special recognition for their dedication and continued support in helping FamilyKind thrive. **Michael Duncanson** accepted the award on behalf of the Council. *Michael Duncanson pictured below (right).*

We also proudly presented **Stefany Lyn Schaefer-Riecke** as a featured speaker sharing her experience on her step-parenting journey.