

We are sad to share the news of Ann Maguire's death on December 29, 2023

As her wife and lifetime partner, Harriet
Gordon said in her message to me:
"There are no words"

Ann's dedication to Helping Our Women's mission was exceptional.

Here at HOW we are carrying forward her life's work and legacy...for now, we are pausing to reflect and share some memories.







It is with heartfelt sadness that I write...Ann is a national treasure and did so much for people in all walks of life. Her leadership, kindness and tenacity brought about change in such positive ways and her legacy will be felt in an unending way...

Ann shared her skills, talents, and lessons-learned from her success as a community activist at the state and national level with the Provincetown and Outer Cape communities, especially at HOW where she devoted countless hours of guidance, direct outreach, and advocacy in her role on the Board and as an Advisory Board member.

I am forever grateful that I got to work with her, know her and experience her expertise and leadership.

-Jayne Carvelli-Sheehan, MSN, RN, CS

HOW Board Chair June 2022 and Dec 2023 reflections



...a life long advocate for improving the lives of others



... here in Provincetown ...



...and beyond.



"Ann knew how to do the job and she knew how to direct ... and get things done. She knew so many people and she knew what their skills were. If you had a project you had to get done, she could direct you to the right person and how far we could push it with that person to get what we needed.

Dr. Susan Troyan, MD
 Former National Breast Cancer Coalition
 Board Member

June 2022 Reflection



Ann was my friend and MY MENTOR. I saw what she was able to do about breast cancer research helping to start the National and Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalitions, and I thought to myself – if Ann can do that, I can certainly do something here in Provincetown for women living on the Outer Cape."

- Leslie McGrath, HOW Founder

June 2022 reflecting on Ann's involvement in HOW as an inspiration before the organization was formally organized



"Ann, despite her incredible accomplished background and work on behalf of women and the LGBT community, never held herself above anyone else. She is the consummate team player and was a dream board member. I realized that I could ask her to do anything and she would step up and take on the task with humor and enthusiasm. Having the opportunity to work with Ann and to learn from her is something I will always cherish."

Irene Rabinowitz,
 Former HOW Executive Director
 June 2022 reflection



[™]Ann showed me the original HOW office and we were determined to buy the new office on Conwell... We had faith we could raise enough money. When conservative voices said no, we kept at it. We bought the building and built the endowment to keep HOW going.

When Ann said "Jump!" I said, "How high?" - Joy McNulty, Former HOW Treasurer

Pictured with Linda Glenn & Ann Maguire and at one of the many Summer Parties Joy, Ann, Harriet, and Linda co-hosted to benefit HOW



"I have such fond memories –
bantering back and forth in
Board Meetings – but one of
my favorites ... was finding the
new accessible office. You
decided you were going to take
on this task and no one could
have done it like you did."

- Sue Roderick, CFNP, CPNP Former HOW Board Member

June 2022 Reflection



"Ann has been loyal, reliable and hardworking in supporting the mission of HOW..."

- Elizabeth Gawron, Former HOW Executive Director
June 2022 Reflection



Ann and Betty Villari

Always together in our hearts, memories, and inspiration for their shared legacies of

- o Exceptional energy and drive in service of community
- o Generosity of spirit, time, and talent
- Kindness





"Helping Our Women is fortunate to be a primary recipient of Ann's guidance, grit, and compassion before, during, and after she lived here in Provincetown. It's an honor to work at an agency that has grown because of her insights, influence, and boots-on-the ground approach to building a successful human service agency."

Gwynne Guzzeau,
 HOW Executive Director
 June 2022 Reflection



The bench in front of the Provincetown Hall says it all:

"Ann Maguire, Teacher,
Mentor, Activist, Coach,
Friend, she touched so
many lives for the better,
Somewhere, Everywhere."