



MADGE HARRIS ALLEN

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE SERVICE AWARD

Madge Harris Allen has been a part of the Harlem Community for the past 62 years where she relocated after graduating from Alabama State University, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education – Majoring in Commerce and Minor in English. She received her MSW from Fordham University in 1990 and served as a Social Worker Supervisor and trainer in the Agency for Child Development. Ms. Allen has served as the Director of the Bronx Branch of Group Work Services for nine years, 1996 – 2005. After forty (40) years of service, in 2007 Madge Allen retired from the City of New York. Since her retirement from professional service, Madge has focused her time and talent toward the betterment of African Americans. Due to her outstanding service as a Harlem Community Activist for over 40 years, Madge Allen was honored on February 14, 2021 by the New York State Senator, Brian A. Benjamin, with a Proclamation for her exemplary service to her Community, and State. Ms. Allen's community participation has included being a leading member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History for fourteen (14) years. She was involved in reactivating the Manhattan Branch and served as its President for four (4) years. Since 1960, Madge Harris Allen has been an active member of Convent Avenue Baptist Church where she continues to teach Sunday School and serves on the African American Experience Forum. Madge Harris is among the ladies of distinction that founded the Montgomery, Alabama Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho. She is a mother of three daughters and a son, and has seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.