

NCC Chief Of Health And Human Services Gets Humanitarian Of The Year Award



Arti Kakkar displays her 2017 Humanitarian of the Year Award with Seton Hall University Interim President Mary Meehan at Seton Hall's Many Are One Alumni Awards Gala. *Photo courtesy of Kristine Foley.*

Seton Hall University honored New Community Corporation Chief of Health and Human Services Arti Kakkar with its Humanitarian of the Year Award. The honor was part of the Many Are One Alumni Awards Gala, the university's annual black tie event that celebrates the good work of past graduates.

"Because of her dedication to individuals and families in need in Newark, N.J., her history in working with underserved communities in India and her service to Seton Hall University as an adjunct professor, we are so proud to have presented Arti with the Humanitarian of the Year Award at the 2017 Many Are One gala," said Viannca Vélez, associate director of alumni engagement at Seton Hall University. "Arti exemplifies what it means to be a servant leader. We are happy to call her a Seton Hall Pirate."

Kakkar received the award June 9 and in her acceptance speech talked about the 16 years she has spent with New Community, starting as a family therapy intern while enrolled at Seton Hall. She said NCC helped her find her purpose.

"Through New Community, I have been able to get to my personal achievement, be real and live my purpose in life. The people I work with every day – my colleagues and the families I work for – continue to give me hope. The hope gives me the courage, the focus and the persistence to either find the way or make one," she said.

New Community CEO Richard Rohrman said, "Arti has done great work at NCC over the years. She progressed from intern to Chief of Health and Human Services. Many people have felt the benefit of Arti's commitment, compassion and perseverance."

Kakkar hopes the award does more than simply honor her.

"Getting this award gives me hope that there will be more collaboration between Seton Hall and NCC departments to enhance our services as well as the education of the students at SHU," she said.



New Community Chief of Health and Human Services Arti Kakkar addresses attendees at the Seton Hall University Many Are One alumni awards gala June 9 at the Hanover Marriott. She received the Humanitarian of the Year Award for her work helping people in Newark and beyond. *Photo courtesy of Kristine Foley.*