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**BRENDA JIMENEZ WINS FOUR SILVER AND BRONZE STEVIE® AWARDS IN 2020
STEVIE AWARDS FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

Women Around the World to Be Recognized During Virtual Event

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – October 2, 2020 – Brenda Jimenez has been named the winner of four Stevie® Awards in the 17th annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business including two silver awards and two bronze awards.

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business honor women executives, entrepreneurs, employees, and the companies they run– worldwide. The Stevie Awards have been hailed as the world's premier business awards.

More than 1,500 entries were submitted this year for consideration in more than 100 categories, including Executive of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Company of the Year, Startup of the Year, Women Helping Women, and Women Run Workplace of the Year.

Brenda Jimenez won the:

- Silver Stevie Award for *Female Innovator of the Year – Government or Non-Profit – 10 or Less Employees*
- Silver Stevie Award for *Woman of the Year - Government or Non-Profit*
- Bronze Stevie Award for *Female Executive of the Year – Government or Non-Profit – 10 or Less Employees*
- Bronze Stevie Award for *Most Innovative Woman of the Year - Government or Non-Profit*

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stevie Award winners were determined by the average scores of [more than 180 business professionals](#) around the world, working on seven juries.

“Brenda Jimenez is taking MENTOR to a whole new level, successfully pivoting to remote/virtual mentoring support during the unprecedented times,” said one Stevie Awards judge in their comments for the Female Innovator of the Year. “Her impactful work has ensured that an additional 35,000 children across the state are engaged in mentoring relationships during a time when they may not have other adequate support networks.”

Brenda Jimenez joined MENTOR New York six years ago as the Director of Operations and Growth Strategies. In that time, her efforts have resulted in raising an additional 2.3 million dollars, expanding staff capacity and efficiencies, and developing quality controls and processes that support the organization's sustainability. She developed a clear tactical growth strategy that has resulted in the organization successfully deepening its



services within NYC and Long Island while expanding services into Upstate NY. She was appointed CEO of MENTOR New York in December of 2019.

“Brenda has worked tirelessly to ensure that MENTOR New York is prepared for all possibilities, even a global pandemic,” said Vaughn L. McKoy, Chair of MENTOR New York’s Board of Directors. “Under her leadership, MENTOR New York continues to grow toward its mission of closing the mentoring gap in New York State. We congratulate her on this wonderful and well-deserved award.”

Maggie Gallagher, president of the Stevie Awards, said, “In a year like no other in our lifetimes, we’ve produced a cohort of amazing, Stevie-winning women, organizations, and achievements like no other. At all times our winners show themselves to be fearless and indomitable, but their leadership and example are especially valued this year. We congratulate all of our Gold, Silver, and Bronze Stevie winners. We look forward to celebrating them during our December 9 virtual ceremony, and to hearing from some of them during our Women|Future Conference on November 12-13.”

Winners will be celebrated during a virtual awards ceremony on Wednesday, December 9. [Registration for the ceremony is now on sale.](#)

About MENTOR New York

For over 25 years, MENTOR New York has been the go-to resource for building sustainable and mutually-beneficial mentoring programs. MENTOR New York partners with nearly 850 mentoring programs that serve approximately 80,000 young people throughout the state. MENTOR NY is an Affiliate of MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, the national nonprofit unifying and elevating the mentoring movement. For more information about mentoring programs and initiatives, visit www.mentornewyork.org.

About the Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in eight programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the German Stevie Awards, the Middle East & North Africa Stevie Awards The American Business Awards®, The International Business Awards®, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 12,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 70 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at <http://www.StevieAwards.com>.

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