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On Wednesday, March 12th, Joya Ramirez, Secretary to the Executive Director of the Horizon Juvenile Center, received the prestigious 2008 Sloan Public Service Award by The Fund for the City of New York at an evening event in Cooper Union.

Keynote remarks were made by Deputy Mayor for Operations Edward Skyler, The Fund's Chair Robert Curvin, and President Mary McCormick. Selection Committee Co-Chair Bishop Joseph Sullivan presented Ms. Ramirez as one of only 6 awardees for her extraordinary public service to the City of New York. Ms. Ramirez, who accepted her first job at the former Spofford House in 1963, also received a \$7,500 award.

Horizon Juvenile Center hosted a morning reception where members of The Fund's executive board and DJJ staff attended to honor Ms. Ramirez. Caroline Kennedy, Co-Chair of The Fund's Selection Committee, presented Ms. Ramirez with a framed illustration commemorating her award. DJJ First Deputy Commissioner Judith Pincus and Horizon Executive Director Eduardo Marcial spoke of the commitment and contributions made by Joya Ramirez throughout the course of her 44-year history of service to the City of New York.

The Fund for the City of New York noted that Ms. Ramirez has worked for more than 20 Executive Directors and is known as "the backbone of the agency."

DJJ Ombudsman Ralph Simmons, who also attended the Cooper Union ceremony, received the Sloan Public Service Award in 2007.

