

Geeta Desai, Woman of the Year 1995



Geeta is Vice President for Community Problem Solving and Funding at the United Way of Dutchess County. Geeta graduated from high school in Bombay, India, earned degrees at Marist College and continues her academic work in a doctoral program. She has put her talents to use finding responses to varied problems which beset our community, from managing diversity in the workplace to the need for a universal manner of response to domestic violence.

To form policy for minority volunteer leadership development, many of our human service agencies have turned to her work, *A Case for Inclusiveness*. To help make this policy reality, Geeta developed a leadership training curriculum. This is being used in many communities as well as our own. She has designed statewide conferences on corporate social responsibility and community problem solving and has been both presenter and organizer at national minority roundtables.

Community is Geeta's concern also when she gives time as a member of the boards of the Girl Scout Council of Dutchess County and the YWCA, and when she works on committees for the Task Force for Child Protection and the Dutchess County Association for Senior Citizens