

ELLEN STUBBS

LIFESPAN CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHO WAS ELLEN STUBBS?

Ellen Stubbs, born Ellen Hazel Keating, obtained her LPN from Central School in Welfare Island (now known as Roosevelt Island), NY and practiced as a nurse for over 50 years. Much of her time was spent right here in Rochester where she is known for her commitment and generosity to both her local community and the world.

Ellen was extremely active in the Rochester community, giving her time to the following organizations and initiatives:

- Anthony L. Jordan Health Corporation
- Community Health Care Association of New York
- YWCA, serving on the Board of Directors
- The Cap Book
- The Coalition of North East Associations (CONEA)
- Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency
- The Health Association
- Rochester Health Network
- Baden Street Settlement
- Great Rochester Housing Partnership
- Wilson Commencement Park
- First Book
- United Way
- Habitat for Humanity
- Fredrick Douglass Museum
- The Alt Foundation

Ellen also served as a delegate to the UN Conference Status of Women in 1995 in Beijing, China and as a member of the World Conference Against Racism in 2001 in Durban, South Africa.

Ellen Stubbs has become a name widely recognized in the Upstate Elder Abuse Center and by colleagues across the elder abuse field. Art Mason worked with Ellen Stubbs after receiving a referral from a hospital social worker who believed she had been assaulted and was in need of victim services. She was hit roughly 35 times with a blunt object and received over 50 stitches to her head. Ellen also experienced financial exploitation at the hands of her son who ultimately was arrested for grand larceny due to the theft and unauthorized use of credit cards. While it's believed that she was assaulted by her son, she never saw her assailant and he could not be definitively tied to the crime.

Ellen went on to share her story as a survivor of elder abuse. Her strength and resiliency has always been admired and her story is used to destigmatize the shame that many older adult victims feel after experiencing abuse at the hands of a loved and trusted individual.



AWARDS AND HONORS

- Global Ministries Humanitarian Award
 - International Service Extraordinaire
 - Sojourner Truth Award
 - Lena Gantt Award
 - Unsung Heroes of the City of Rochester
 - Ollie Chin Porter Award, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women
- for her "**vision, fortitude, and courage**"

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