

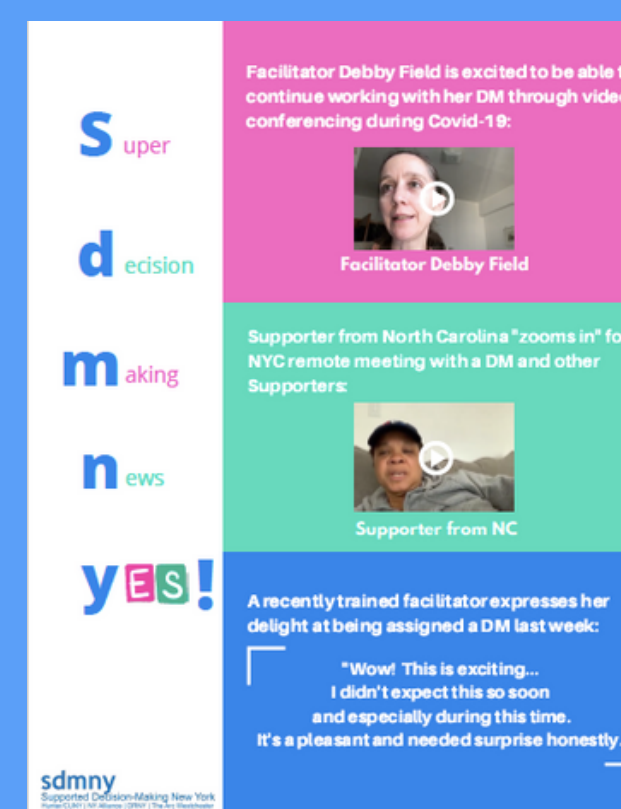
# GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOOD NEWS

(an extra-long edition and a trip down Memory Lane)

In March, 2020, when the pandemic officially began, we had to vacate our offices at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in East Harlem, and begin the “new normal” of remote work and life. It seemed overwhelming, and potentially even impossible, as so much of our work was, literally, face to face. We worried about losing the fragile sense of community we had been working so hard to build. We needed something to cheer us up, and thought all of you did too. As part of an effort to “cultivate gratitude” we thought of the good things that had happened that week in the midst of all the uncertainty, sadness and fear—our first successful use of Zoom to conduct a Phase 2 facilitation meeting with a supporter in North Carolina; the excitement of a newly trained facilitator at “meeting” the Decision-Maker to whom she had just been assigned—and we decided that, as SDMNY, we actually had good news to share. And we even had a logo that incorporated our name—

Super Decision Making News Yes!

Facilitator Debby and Supporter from N.C.



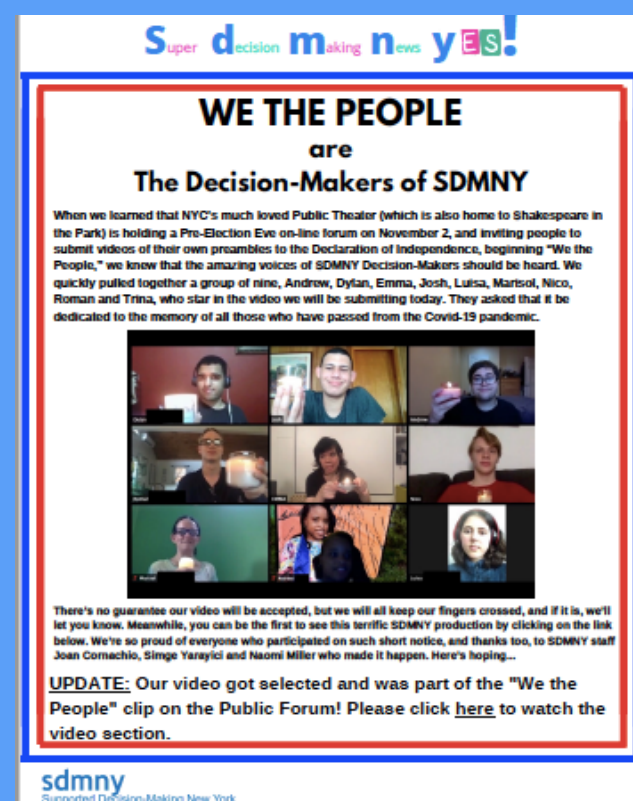
Our very first Good News [4/17/2020]

Since then, we’ve continued to share our good news with you just about every Friday; in many ways those stories have become both our history, and the larger history of SDM in New York, around the country and even around the world.

**The majority have, of course, been about our amazing Decision-Makers, especially as they celebrate their SDMA signings,**

There are so many great ones , we can’t possibly choose only a few

**We the People are the Decision-Makers of SDMNY**



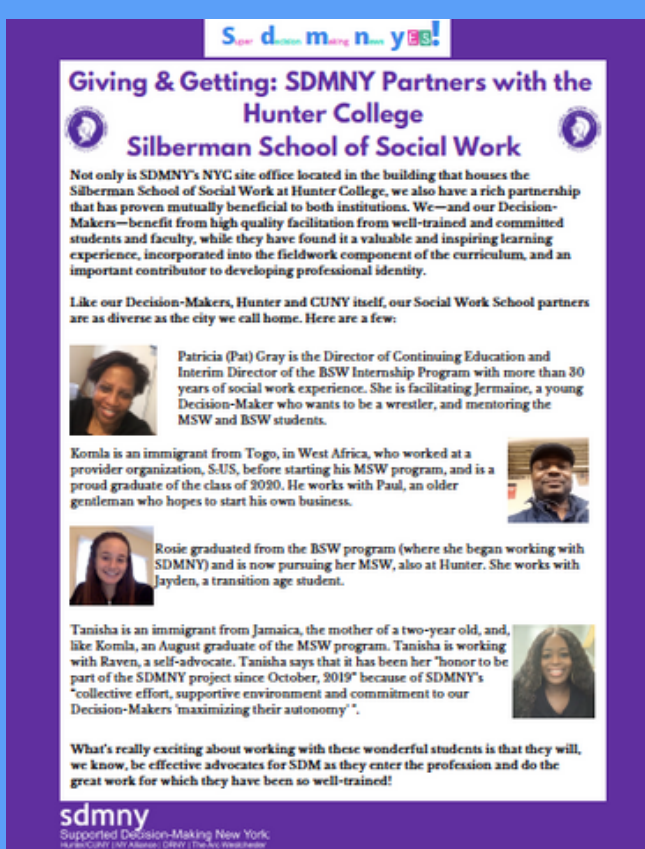
**but also, more collective achievements, as when a video they made was chosen for a NY Public Theater Election Eve on-line streaming special.**

**We’ve highlighted work we’ve done with partners,**

**A Great Partnership Continues (OVTC)**



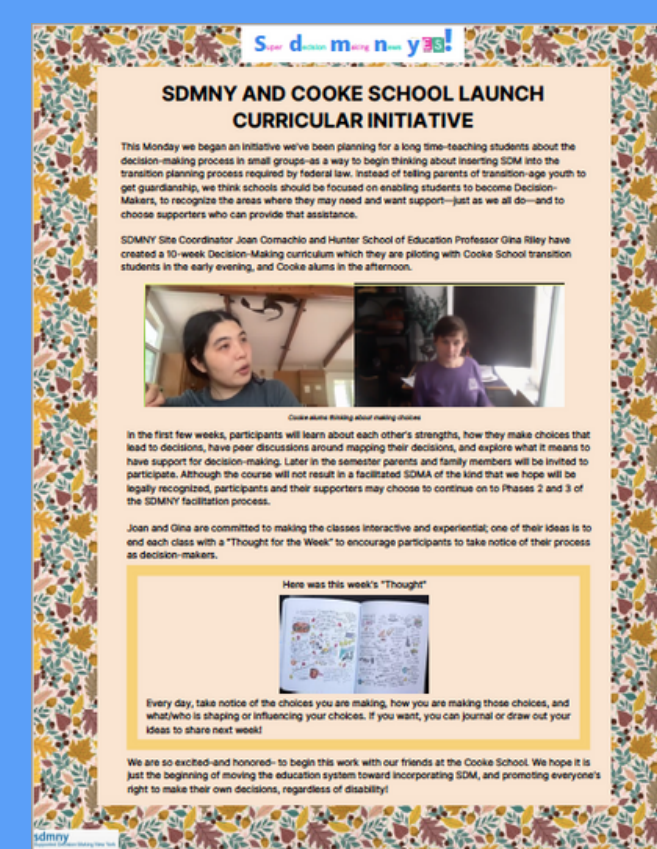
**Giving & Getting: SDMNY Partners with the Hunter College SSSW**



**SDM Meets Mediation**



**SDMNY and Cooke School Launch New Curricular Initiative**



**Working with the Surrogates Court**



**Westchester GAL Training Features SDM**



**successes in working with the courts,**

**SDM Goes to the US Senate**

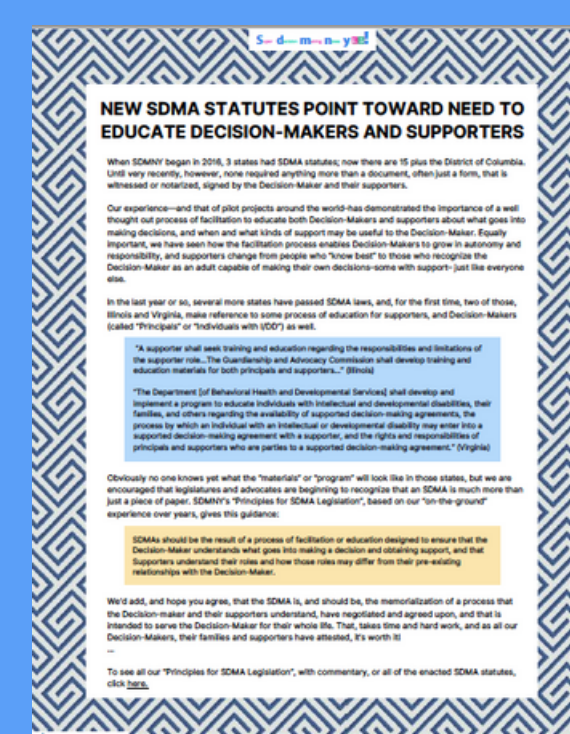


**Prestigious Fourth National Guardianship Summit Embraces SDM**



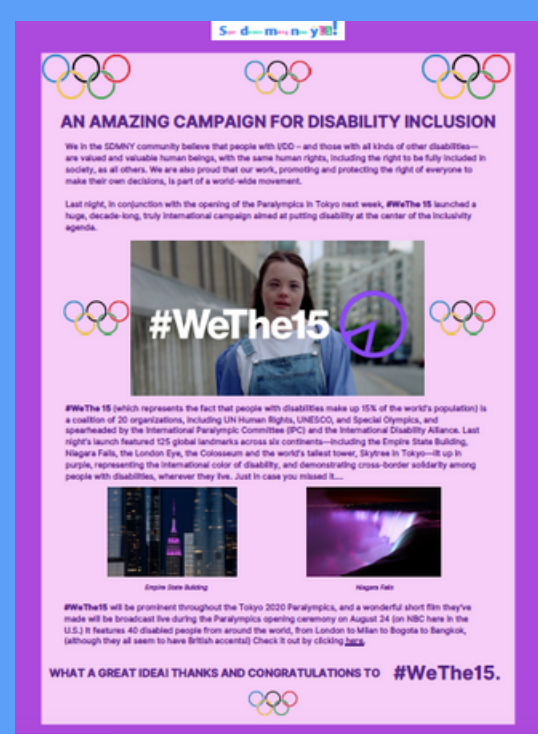
**national news about the increasing support for SDM,**

**New SDMA Statutes Point Toward Need to Educate Decision-Makers and Supporters**



**news about SDMA legislation, now in 14 states and the District of Columbia,**

**An Amazing Campaign for Disability Inclusion**



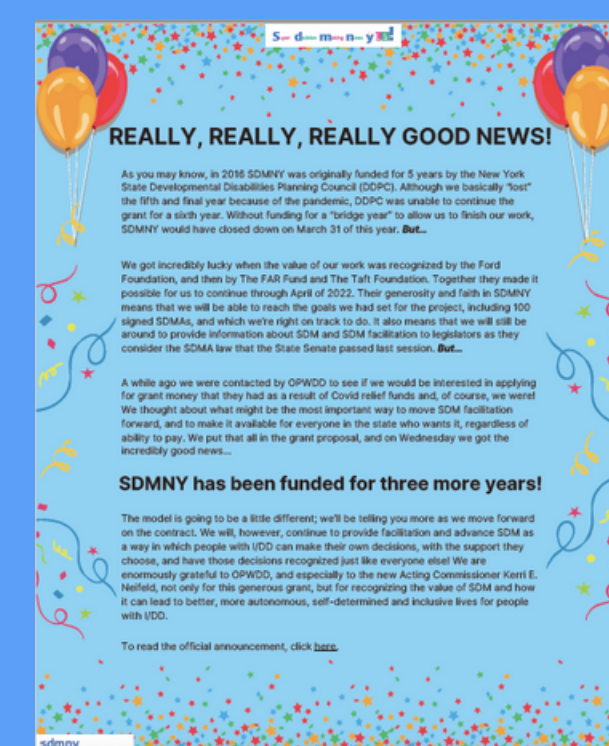
**international advocacy for disability rights,**

**and so much more, including SDMNY’s "Bridge Year" and the new OPWDD grant that ensures the continuation of our work.**

**We’re Still Here**



**Really, Really, Really Good News (OPWDD Grant)**



We thought how great it would be to make all of them easily available to remember and celebrate our many achievements, rather than having to search for favorites in piles of “deleted” messages. So, this week’s Good News is:

**ALL OF THE LAST TWO YEARS OF GOOD NEWS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE!**

Unfortunately, you can’t click on any of the images above to get to the full Good News, but you can check out your favorites under “Resources” on [sdmny.org](http://sdmny.org). Our talented Media Specialist Simge has even made it possible to directly click onto any connected videos.