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## Verdieu named Community Unsung Heroine

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SOMERVILLE - The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) announces its 286 Community Unsung Heroines of 2008.

These women, including Yvette P. Verdieu of Somerville, who was nominated by Rep. Denise Provost, come from cities and towns across Massachusetts, and each will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities in a ceremony Wednesday, May 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the State House in Boston.

These Unsung Heroines were carefully selected from nearly 600 nominations to be honored for selflessly making a difference in the lives of others.

“Our Unsung Heroines are women who don’t make the news, but make the difference in their communities, businesses or volunteer endeavors,” said Linda Brantley, MCSW executive director. “They are the women who quietly, without fanfare or recognition and usually behind the scenes, use their time, talent, spirit and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others. We are awed by the fabulous work women across the commonwealth are doing and thankful to the many nominators who brought these incredible women to our attention.”

The ceremony will include a speaking program with a keynote address delivered by Attorney General Martha Coakley, certificate presentations, a collective photo of all heroines in attendance, and a Just Desserts reception featuring pastries from some of the best female pastry chefs in the state.

Honorees will be featured in a program available to all in attendance. Sponsorship opportunities are available in the form of recognition or congratulatory advertisements so that family, friends and co-workers can join in celebrating the honorees. Sponsorship information is available on the MCSW Web site at [www.mass.gov/women](http://www.mass.gov/women), by calling the MCSW at 617-626-6520, or by e-mail at [mcsw@state.ma.us](mailto:mcsw@state.ma.us).

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