



## **RITA MABLI**

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### ***What were your childhood ambitions?***

"I always wanted to go to college. My father died when I was young and since my mom didn't work outside of our home, money was an issue. I went to high school and college on scholarships, graduated from college summa cum laude and was chairman of the honor society. I just knew I had to do something."

### ***"Acknowledge your feminine attributes."***

### ***Why do you think women are needed in the workplace in general?***

"Women bring a perspective to the workplace that reflects who we are as a community and even as a nation. We are connected and need each other. I have found that we tend to work better when we work together."

### ***When did you know "made it"?***

"I felt I made it in 1994 when I met with the chairperson and then-president of the United Hebrew Geriatric Center board of directors and discussed openly and honestly what our organization needed, in spite of what had been status quo until then.

"But, the kicker came at our most recent annual dinner dance. I was scheduled to speak and while I was on my way to the podium, the band played 'Hail to the Chief.' That idea came from the staff I work with. It was a very touching moment for me."

### ***Advice to young women about pursuing their career?***

"Be true to yourself. Be prepared to work, even if the task is outside of what would normally be your job. Volunteer and be well-rounded. Make a life for yourself that includes people who love you and who you love. Laugh a lot, at jokes and even at yourself."