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2018 Woman of Influence Award Dinner and VIP Reception
Celebrating the Honorable Renée Cardwell Hughes (Ret.)
Emcee – PA State Representative, Marguerite Quinn



On Thursday, April 26, 2018 Pearl S. Buck International will host the annual Woman of Influence Award dinner at the Estate Pavilion on the grounds of the Pearl S. Buck House, a National Historic Landmark, in Hilltown, Pennsylvania. A VIP reception will take place from 5 – 6 PM. The dinner and award presentation will take place from 6 – 8 PM. Catering will be provided by Jamie Hollander Gourmet Foods & Catering.

Originally established in 1978 as the Woman of the Year Award, the Woman of Influence Award honors women, who like Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning author and humanitarian Pearl S. Buck, have distinguished themselves in their career, devotion to family and pursuit of

humanitarian goals. Some past award winners include Lois Burpee, Erma Bombeck, Selma Burke, Tony Morrison, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Laura Bush, Esther Hewlett, and Pamela Varkoney.

The 2018 Woman of Influence is the recently retired CEO of the American Red Cross of Eastern PA and former Trial Judge in the Court of Common Pleas, the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania (City of Philadelphia). Like Pearl S. Buck, Ms. Hughes is an award-winning, ground-breaking, and influential professional and leader.

Woman of Influence, an elegant charitable event, will attract more than 200 community and business leaders who will celebrate Ms. Hughes. Pennsylvania State Representative Marguerite Quinn will be the emcee.

Proceeds from this inspirational event will support the important intercultural, humanitarian, and preservation work of Pearl S. Buck International which carries out Pearl S. Buck's legacy of bridging cultures and changing lives.

Registration and tickets are available for purchase at www.pearlsbuck.org/womanofinfluence

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Pearl S. Buck International® provides opportunities to explore and appreciate other cultures, builds better lives for children around the globe and promotes the legacy of our founder by preserving and interpreting her National Historic Landmark Home.

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