

Raffa-Marcum to Kick-Off 2019 Mentoring Program for Women Entrepreneurs

Raffa-Marcum's Nonprofit & Social Sector Group on Thursday, Dec 20th,

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 /CSRwire/ – [Marcum LLP](#) announced today that on January 15 it will host a special kick-off event in its Washington, D.C., office for a mentoring program designed to support women entrepreneurs from around the world. Entering its second year, the **Empowering Vital Leaders Initiative** is a virtual mentoring partnership with **Vital Voices** (VV) that was successfully piloted by Kathy Raffa, office managing partner of Marcum's offices in the nation's capital.

Following the recent merger of Raffa, P.C. into Marcum LLP, the national accounting and advisory firm will deploy the combined power of Raffa-Marcum's Nonprofit & Social Sector Group to support a second cohort of women entrepreneurs at the forefront of global change. The event will feature a presentation by Alyse Nelson, president and chief executive officer of Vital Voices Global Partnership.

In the initiative's first year, a roster of Vital Voices network members collaborated throughout 2018 alongside a team of 23 Raffa executives to enhance a select cohort of the VV100 leaders' knowledge and skills, to help them tackle their individual leadership and organizational challenges. The goal for 2019 is to refine the model and improve the approach by expanding the mentor network to include outside professionals who offer diverse skills and expertise, and then in 2020, to scale the program with mentors from across Marcum to support additional cohorts of VV entrepreneurs.

"This initiative provides a great opportunity to connect professional women across our firm with other leaders in our backyard and across the country who share a mutual passion to help women around the globe achieve their greatest potential. The extraordinary women in the Vital Voices network are visionaries, risk-takers and pioneers — creating progress in their communities and beyond," Ms. Raffa said. "By mentoring and lending our diversified professional expertise pro bono, one year at a time, around a key challenge and priority, we can bolster these heroes' capacity to achieve even greater systemic change."



Kathy Raffa, office managing partner,
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About Vital Voices Global Partnership

Vital Voices Global Partnership invests in women leaders who improve the world. Guided by the belief that women are essential to progress in their communities, we have partnered with leaders from more than 140 countries who advance economic opportunity, increase political and public leadership, and end violence against women. Our programs in strategic planning, business, advocacy and communications build critical skills needed for creating transformational change.

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