



Humanitarian Honoree



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Humanitarian Honoree Maria Cuomo Cole is a Peabody and Emmy award-winning documentary filmmaker who creates social impact films to address society's most challenging issues like gun violence, homelessness, Domestic Violence, Veteran PTSD, and sexual violence. Her film credits include the award-winning documentaries: *Us Kids*, *Newtown*, *The Hunting Ground*, *The Invisible War* and *Living for 32*, which was Oscar shortlisted. Maria was raised by immigrant parents who profoundly instilled citizen pride and community service. The youngest daughter of New York Governor Mario Cuomo and the sister of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, Maria has spent the last twenty-five years serving as Chairwoman of HELP USA, a major nonprofit organization providing housing and services for veterans, homeless and low-income people. HELP USA was founded by Maria's older brother Andrew Cuomo, former New York Attorney General and America's longest serving Governor, to assist military veterans, who constitute a disproportionate share of America's homeless population. Maria raised her three daughters with husband, father, designer, social activist, business owner, and philanthropist, Kenneth Cole.