

Ineabelle Geena Cruz is an unapologetic and fierce activist, speaker and consultant. Ms. Cruz has spent the past two decades, addressing issues surrounding intimate partner violence, prevention and intervention, poverty, community and economic development. She is founder of ROC with Her where she has registered over 300 youth and eligible individuals to vote and raises awareness on civic engagement.

Ms. Cruz has provided training to law enforcement, educational institutes, labor, community and religious organizations on intimate partner violence/domestic violence. She has been advisor and mentor to community and school-based programs serving young women. She has provided awareness to high school students on dating violence, and stalking. She served as a CBTU chapter committee chair, PTA member, and mentor for youth throughout Rochester, NY.

Ineabelle partnered with Cornell University ILR School to create *Workplace Violence Initiative* a customized training for government, labor unions, Employee Assistant Programs, and religious organization on policies, prevention and intervention on domestic violence, workplace bullying behaviors and workplace violence.

Ineabelle is currently the New York State Ambassador for The United State of Women an organization dedicated to convening, connecting, and amplifying voices in the fight for full gender equality. She co-founded and organizes the National Father's Day Pledge, an annual event established in 2014, which is observed in 50+ U.S. cities.

Ms. Cruz has been a member of the Rochester/Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium since 2005 and currently serving as the president for Survivors Advocating For Effective Reform. Ineabelle is in her fifth year serving as Mayor and Superintendent appointee with the Rochester Joint School Board Construction board. In 2017, Ineabelle founded Heels of Greatness, LLC an organization that strives to bring access and awareness on public health, social justice and relief efforts.

Ineabelle Geena Cruz was awarded numerous awards locally and nationally: Senator Joseph Robach, Monroe County Legislators, and Gate Town Supervisor recognitions for her efforts during COVID-19 in 2020 feeding over 500 families, supplying over 1200 mask to her community and relief work in Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria. In 2018, she was awarded the National Coalition of Domestic Violence Voices Rising Award. She was the first Latina to receive the Regional Robert Wilson Award in Albany, the Women and Young Girls Empowerment Award, Psi Omega Zeta Sisterhood Award, the Frederick Douglas Award, RESOLVE Grassroots Revolutionary Award, Mayoral recognition and several other awards for her activism and bridging the gap in her community.

Ms. Cruz is a candidate for the SUNY Brockport master's in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management Graduate program. She continues to become knowledgeable through networking, helping others and advocating for individuals in her community & nationally. She is able to do all these works through her dedication and relationship in God, wonderful leaders/mentors, sisterhood, and her faith.