

Sally Rutter Birch

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Following Sally's death, her daughter Alison Birch Harada (MHC '87) told us: "My mother worked for the County of Westchester, NY for more than ten years, most recently as a program specialist in care for the homeless. She set up programs to help the homeless find apartments, provide schooling for their children, and begin to rebuild their lives. After she retired due to illness, she wanted to continue the effort and worked with the Irvington Junior League to set up a private program called New Beginnings that gave homeless people new clothes and toiletries. For her efforts, she received the Junior League's President's Award last June (1994).

"[You may] remember my mother as an inveterate bookworm. This proved to be a saving grace for her. When she could no longer leave her room, she took refuge in mysteries and biographies from the local library - as many as two or three books a day! In addition to being their number-one 'customer,' mother left an extensive collection of books to the Irvington library to form the nucleus of a new gardening and environmental section."