## 2023-2024

## Joyce M. Murtha Excellence in Community Service Award



Olivia Bragdon
Founder
Stork Fund

Olivia Bragdon is an advocate for reproductive health issues. In 2018, after years of her own fertility struggles, she began a monthly in-person support group for women suffering from infertility. She arranged guest speakers centered around self-care and successful treatment plans. In 2019, after a decade-long battle with infertility, she gave birth to her son, Patrick Fitzgerald. The instant love and connection to her son gave her another reason to advocate passionately for the infertility community. That same year, she founded the Stork Fund. Since its inception, the Stork Fund has raised over \$125,000 and helped over 20 local families to afford fertility treatments and adoption fees.

Olivia continues to advocate for fertility patients and spends time supporting them emotionally. She has been recognized by the YWCA Tribute to Women Committee as the 2023 Community Service Volunteer Award winner and by the Young Professionals of the Alleghenies as Outstanding Citizen of the Year. She was also recognized as Foremost Under 40 by PA Business Central. She lives in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Patrick, and two sons, Patrick and Porter. Olivia is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and after a 15-year career in marketing, left the workforce to care for her children—her proudest job to date.