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CN Guidance Holds Largest Charity Event of the Year to Raise Awareness and Critical Funds for Behavioral Health Treatment During a Time of Funding Uncertainties



L to R: Jeffrey Friedman, CNG CEO; Toby McDonough, Kristen Rosario, Tracey Edwards, Mary Silberstein, CNG Snr. Director; Rebecca Sanin, Suffolk Legislature; Governor David Paterson, Jeffrey Friedman, Lisa La Macchia, CNG Board Member; Kristen Rosario

(Smithtown, NY) The 2nd annual CN Guidance *Basket of Hope* gala, held last night at Stonebridge Links & Country Club, honored lives lost to mental health and substance use issues while supporting those facing similar challenges. It comes at time of increased funding risk at the federal level impacting NYS and area nonprofits.

200+ leaders from Long Island area businesses, civic organizations, and behavioral health providers; and public officials (*including Governor David Paterson*), gathered, and honored achievements in mental health and substance use treatment and prevention; heard inspirational words; and donated the largest amount raised in the agency's history.

Kristen Rosario, Miss Long Island 2025 ® and mental health / suicide prevention advocate; Tracey Edwards, Chief Social Responsibility Officer for the Las Vegas Sands Corporation; and Robert “Toby” McDonough, Treasurer, IATSE Local One, were recognized for their work in the community supporting CNG’s behavioral health mission.

“We are so grateful to our generous supporters and honorees for their work in our community and for a very enlightening and successful evening during a time of growing need across Long Island,” said CN Guidance CEO, Jeffrey Friedman.

B-roll video of the event has been provided [here](#).

***About CN Guidance:** Serving children and adults with mental and emotional disorders since 1972, CN Guidance and Counseling Services delivers NY-State licensed mental health and substance use treatment services – especially to economically disadvantaged individuals and families, including many communities of color – working in partnership with county government and other community services. With deep, localized knowledge of Nassau County and Suffolk County communities, a mobile fleet, telehealth capabilities, and a NY State Integrated Outpatient Services license, CN Guidance maintains an exemplary track record of delivering outreach and high-quality behavioral healthcare to more than 30,000 individuals per year. For more information, visit <https://cnguidance.org/>*