BronxWorks salutes trio of distinguished leaders

The BronxWorks event raised critical funds for the leading resource in the Bronx that provides a comprehensive range of services for the borough’s residents of all ages. The evening unveiled attracted 300 politicians, community activists and business leaders including Assemblywoman Vanessa Gibson and City Councilman Fernando Cabrera.

The event also honored three outstanding individuals: Bill Aguado, president of the Bronx Council on the Arts, and a BronxWorks board member; Sean Delany, executive director of Lawyers Alliance for New York and for many years BronxWorks board chair and legal counsel; and John Fouhey, of Davis Polk & Wardwell, pro bono legal counsel for BronxWorks and former BronxWorks treasurer.

The program that included a raffle drawing and a noteworthy video about the nonprofit organization excellently produced by Karim Lopez, was hosted by actress Rhina Valentin and documentary filmmaker Derek Woods.

In addition to celebrating the honorees, BronxWorks celebrated their first event under a new name. As guests enjoyed delicious food and beverages by the renowned restaurant, they were entertained with harmonious sounds provided by the Mike Freeman ZonaVibe Trio. Other highlights of the notable evening were provided by artists Genie Amorin, Acelahia Brown, Elizabeth Ortiz, and Rei Yao from the Bronx Council on the Arts who created artwork for the honorees

Honoree Sean Delany, Cynthia Shoss, Dewey & LeBoeuf and the MC.

"Three of the last four years we have raised over six figures at each of our events, despite a tough economy. What is even more impressive is the fact that each of those years we have held the event right here in the Bronx," stated Carolyn McGaughlin, executive director. "This is a perfect example of how organizations based outside of Manhattan can raise funds in their own borough. I think that this is a tremendous accomplishment and we are so grateful to all of our supporters and our honorees that believe in our work. The support is overwhelming," McGaughlin concluded.

Themed “Living Lives, Building Futures,” the event attracted major sponsors such as The Blackstone Group, Davis Polk & Wardwell, Capestone Advisory Group, ISE Office Plus and Turner Construction. Other sponsors included Bronx-Lebanon Hospital, Bronx Pro Real Estate Management, CheckSpring Bank, Montefiore Medical Center, Mutual of America, Stebbins Management and Verizon.

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