

AUDREY'S SOCIETY WHIRL



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BronxWorks, formerly Citizens Advice Bureau, recently celebrated their first event under a new name at the famous Hard Rock Café at the fabulous new digs of the Bronx Bombers, Yankee Stadium.

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 unveiling attracted some 200 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



Honoree Sean Delany, Cynthia Shoss, Dewey & LeBoeuf

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 Genise Amorim, Aleathia Brown, Elizabeth Ortiz, and Rei Yao from the Bronx Council on the Arts who created artwork for the honorees

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 McLaughlin, executive director, BronxWorks. "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," McLaughlin concluded.

Themed "Lifting Lives, Building Futures," the event attracted major sponsors such as The Blackstone Group, Davis Polk & Wardwell, Capstone Advisory Group, LLC, ISE Office Plus and Tuner 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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BronxWorks' board member Marshall Green with honorees John Fouhey and Sean Delany



Artist Elizabeth Ortiz, honoree Bill Aguado, emcee Rhine Valentin and Derek Woods



BronxWorks' board members Jean Smith and Gordon Campbell with BronxWorks' executive director Carolyn McLaughlin



BronxWorks' senior services director Maria Rivera and City Councilman Fernando Cabrera



City Councilman Fernando Cabrera presents a proclamation to BronxWorks' executive director Carolyn McLaughlin



Mike Englert and Ambica Prakash of Eighty2degrees with BronxWorks' director of donor relations Noelle Ito



The ZonaVibe Trio: Mike Freeman, Ruben Rodriguez and Papo Pepin