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Community Access 25th Annual Good Neighbor Gala Raises \$510,000



Left to right: Dwayne Mayes, Director, HTH Center; Steve Coe, CEO; and Suzanne Coley, Director / Artist-in-Residence.

Community Access hosted its 25th Annual Good Neighbor Gala on May 20th, honoring Board President, **Stephen H. Chase**, with the Humanitarian Award for his 25 years of dedicated service and tireless volunteer efforts on behalf of the organization. The evening also celebrated the 15th Anniversary of Community Access' **Howie the Harp Peer Advocacy and Training Center**—an award-winning job training and placement program for New Yorkers with psychiatric disabilities—and premiered an inspiring new video about the work and impact of the Center.

CEO Steve Coe said: “We are proud to announce that the gala raised \$510,000—our most successful event ever—thanks to the outpouring of generosity from friends and supporters. Now more than ever,

especially in this economy when there is a growing need for our programs and services, we count on the support of caring neighbors to help us make a difference in the lives of hundreds of individuals and families who rely on us each and every day.”



Honoree, Stephen H. Chase, Board President

Gala leadership responsible for helping make this event possible included: Gala Chair, **David Kuperberg**, CEO of Cooper Square Realty; Gala Vice-Chairs, **Frederick S. Adler**, President and Chairman, TSN Group and **Edward Strong**, Producer, Dodger Theatricals; and Honorary Co-Chairs, **Michael Benjamin**, New York State Assemblyman and **Rosie Mendez**, New York City Council Member, District 2.

Founded in 1974, Community Access empowers people with psychiatric disabilities to transition to independent living by offering housing, job training, mentoring, counseling and other support programs that inspire healthy, productive lives. The funds that Community Access raises through its annual Good Neighbor Gala, and throughout the year, are vitally needed in order to help get people off the streets, out of shelters, and on their feet. The organization’s staff and Board of Directors extend thanks its sponsors, donors and friends for being partners in providing homes, hopes and futures for our neighbors in need.