



F·E·G·S celebrated its Annual Partnerships for A Changing World Benefit Dinner to a capacity crowd of supporters.



F·E·G·S Annual Benefit Dinner

Honors Leaders in Business, Philanthropy, Media, and the Arts

Honorees at the recent **F·E·G·S Health and Human Services System Annual Partnerships for a Changing World Benefit Dinner** expressed their thanks and support for an organization that, in one awardee's words, "always gets to Yes" in its willingness to expand its programs and extend its commitment to finding the necessary resources to reach out to those in need.



(L-R) Stuart Oltchick, President, F·E·G·S Board and Ernie Anastos, FOX 5 News Anchor welcome guests to the 2011 Benefit Dinner.

Almost 600 supporters joined together at the May 24th gala, held at *Cipriani 42nd Street*, raising \$1.3 million to support the F·E·G·S network of services that assists 100,000 vulnerable New Yorkers annually and to honor outstanding community leaders from the worlds of business, philanthropy, media, and the arts. Special guest **Ernie Anastos**, FOX 5 News Anchor and recent recipient of a special Emmy for lifetime achievement, served as host, a tradition Anastos has shared at F·E·G·S for many years.

Honorees included:

- **Jeff Koons**, the internationally renowned sculptor and artist, who was recognized with the **Voice of Art Award** in special tribute to his commitment to individuals with

disabilities and their artistic expressions, noted: "I think we have all experienced the power of humanity coupled with optimism and transcendence through love and care of our community and how it transforms our lives. I am honored to be part of F·E·G·S."



(L-R) Patricia Silverstein, F·E·G·S Board, Chair Development Committee; Jeff Koons, international artist and sculptor; and Emily, F·E·G·S participant.

- **Robert Mullen**, Chief Executive Officer of **Structure Tone**, a leading international construction services provider, received the **Corporate Leadership Award**. In accepting the award, Mullen commented, "I am grateful for giving New York City's real estate and construction industries a chance to shine through their support to F·E·G·S, the premier health and human services organization in our city. I am humbled by the magnitude of the life-improving services provided by F·E·G·S – they are a cornerstone for the humanity that is New York City."



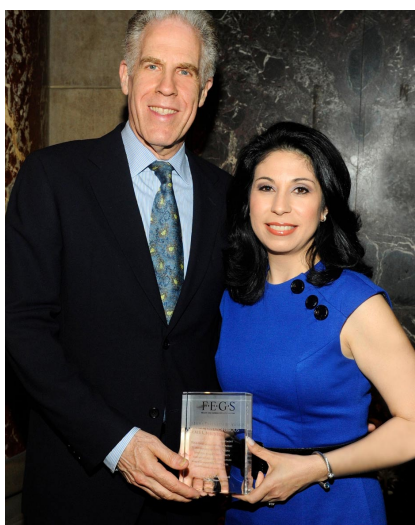
(L-R) Robert Mullen, CEO Structure Tone; Barry Gosin, CEO, Newmark Knight Frank and F·E·G·S Board; and James Donaghy, Chairman, Structure Tone.

- **Louise and James Greilsheimer** received the **Lifetime Partnership Award**. Louise is Past President and Senior Vice President UJA-Federation of New York; James is Counsel, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP. Both share a distinguished career of professional accomplishment and committed service, serving on the boards of leading New York City and national Jewish philanthropic organizations and other voluntary community institutions. "F·E·G·S is an organization that always gets to 'yes.' It finds the resources and makes the commitment to help. The uniqueness of F·E·G·S," said Louise Greilsheimer, "is that its services are available for all of us and our families."



(L-R) Joseph Stein Jr., Board Chairman, F·E·G·S and Managing Director, Neuberger Berman; James and Louise Greilsheimer; and Gail Magaliff, CEO, F·E·G·S.

- **Alexis Christoforus**, CBS News Anchor, in receiving the **Media Partnership Award**, commented, "Every day, for thousands of people, F·E·G·S changes lives, and embraces the sentiment that it is never too late to reach your potential and to do the things you never thought you could do. With this award, I am thrilled to now be an official part of the F·E·G·S family."



(L-R) Allen Alter, Secretary, F·E·G·S Board; presents Media Award to Alexis Christoforus, CBS News Anchor and business correspondent.

Over the course of the evening, several F·E·G·S consumers shared their inspiring stories through compelling videos and personal appearances, including David, living with HIV/AIDS; Bryan, who went from foster care to college; and Emily, whose artistic works produced at F·E·G·S were applauded by Jeff Koons. The *Bronx Lab Bebop Combo* – whose musicians are students at Bronx Lab School, one of New York City's most successful small school initiatives, of which F·E·G·S is a founding partner – was on hand to entertain.

The evening closed, with the presentation of the F·E·G·S **Inspiration Award** to **Michelle Hackman**, 17, a senior at the John L. Miller Great Neck North High School on Long Island. Michelle, who is not sighted, utilized the services of ten F·E·G·S volunteer readers to prepare for her SAT and Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Their help was a major factor in Michelle's achieving scores of 5, the highest, on all the AP exams. Michelle – who earned second place in this year's national Intel Science Talent Search, which included a \$75,000 award that will help support her education at Yale, beginning in September – accepted the F·E·G·S Inspiration Award to a standing ovation.



(L-R) Ira Machowsky, Executive Vice President, F·E·G·S presents Inspiration Award to Michelle Hackman.

"The diversity of tonight's distinguished honorees reflects the broad support F·E·G·S receives from throughout the New York community," commented Gail A. Magaliff, F·E·G·S Chief Executive Officer.

"We are in a time of great change and the history and growth of F·E·G·S over 76 years has been built around deeply held values and responding to changes in society and the needs of its most vulnerable citizens. There is no doubt that F·E·G·S will be a very different organization in five years as it responds to new challenges," she continued. "One thing that will remain, however, is the strength that comes from the long-standing partnerships that have built and sustained our work and the directions F·E·G·S will embark upon as new partnerships bring new ideas to meeting emerging needs. We invite you to join with us – we welcome your involvement as we continue to strive to provide every New Yorker with dignity and independence." ■

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