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Over \$70,000 Raised from Gala Event Honoring Champions of Disability Services

Rochester, NY (October 6, 2016) Ability Partners Foundation's third annual *Evening of Stars Gala* fundraiser exceeded its goal by raising over \$70,000! The Gala, presented by The Lilliputian Foundation, was held at the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester. It recognized companies and individuals who help CP Rochester and Rochester Rehabilitation thrive.

"The support we've received for this event from so many individuals and companies is overwhelming," said President and CEO Mary Walsh Boatfield. "Their dedication to our mission helped ensure this Gala was tremendously successful."

All proceeds raised by the *Evening of Stars Gala* benefit Ability Partners Foundation in support of the programs and services offered through CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation.

Champions who were honored at the *Evening of Stars Gala* include the Kurz Family who received *The Harold C. Augustin Founders Award*; Mr. John Horvath who received the *Humanitarian of the Year Award*; Mr. William Weir who received the *Volunteer of the Year Award*; Ms. Joanna Scott who received the *Community Partner of the Year Award*; and Mr. Jeffrey Baker and Mrs. Mary Herlihy Gearan who received the *Outstanding Board Members of the Year Award*.

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Thanks go to all the individuals and companies who sponsored the Gala: The Lilliputian Foundation (Presenting Sponsor); The Bonadio Group (Platinum Sponsor); U.S. Employee Benefits Services Group (Rose Gold Sponsor); Alesco Advisors LLC, Peter L. Morse & Associates, and CloudDOCX (Silver Sponsors); AI Sigl Community of Agencies, Burke Group, Dr. & Mrs. Elmar Frangenberg, Barclay Damon, Center Information Services, Miller's Pharmacy, Lawley Insurance, Rizzo, DiGiacco, Hern & Baniewicz, CPA's, PLLC, SureHands Lift & Care Systems, NFP Telecom, SWBR Architects, Harris Beach PLLC, Relph Benefit Advisors, and Harter Secrest & Emery LLP (Bronze Sponsors); and our Other Sponsors: Fleetwood Accessibility Services LLC, Key Bank, Mr. Frank Marianacci, Manning and Napier, 101 Mobility, and AutoCrafting.

***CP Rochester**, a partner member of the AI Sigl Community of Agencies, was established in 1946 and provides clinical, residential, educational, and personal support services to individuals with and without disabilities in the greater Monroe County region. **Happiness House**, an educational, residential, health and human service organization, has been serving communities in the Finger Lakes region since 1969. **Rochester Rehabilitation**, also a partner member of the AI Sigl Community of Agencies, has served the Rochester area community since 1919 with an array of physical, mental health, and employment services.*

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