

COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS TO HONOR ALBANY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID SOARES, PASTOR CHARLIE MUELLER AND CHARLES TOUHEY

A Harvest Happening is the theme of the 17th annual gala to benefit Community Caregivers, which will be held at Albany County Club on Saturday, November 19.

The annual gala is one of two major events to raise funds for Community Caregivers. This year's event will honor three men who are community leaders in their own right.

District Attorney David Soares and Pastor Charlie Mueller will receive the Community Caregivers Public Service Award. Charles Touhey will receive the Joseph A. Bosco Community Service Award.



DA Soares was elected Albany County District Attorney in 2001 and re-elected in 2008. During his two terms in office, Mr. Soares has redefined the role of the District Attorney to emphasize public integrity and crime prevention. He also has shifted the criminal enterprise prosecution paradigm by taking action against the leaders of organizations instead of low-level offenders.

Some of his initiatives include: The ENOUGH Gun Buy Back Program, which has taken more than 450 guns off our streets; Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.), addressing crimes committed against senior citizens, and to help prevent crimes of opportunity against one of our most vulnerable populations.



Pastor Charlie Mueller is best known in the Capital Region for starting the first ever Gun Buy Back Program in Albany. A recent study in 2010 showed that there was not one homicide in the city of Albany during the year with a handgun.

Pastor Charlie established the Victory Christian Church in Albany and recently opened a second church located in Colonie.

His passion is clearly for needy children, building and opening the first Children's Only Feeding Center in Albany. To date there have been over 400,000 meals served to at-risk inner-city children.

In 2010, he received the Boys & Girls Club Community Impact Award.



Charlie Touhey has been a main stay in Capital Region for many years. He has extensive experience in the private sector with an emphasis on real estate and housing. He currently is Managing Partner of The Latham Four Partnership and oversees one million square feet of offices and distribution facilities in New York and Florida. He has also developed several residential subdivisions using such innovations as modular housing. In

addition, he is also Vice President of Orange Motor Company, as well as the President of The Spare Room, Inc. a mini-storage facility with over 3,000 units.

At the present time Mr. Touhey is supervising construction of 50 new owner-occupied two family homes in Arbor Hill. He is a member of the College of Saint Rose Board of Trustees and a Board member of the Albany Center for Economic Success, a small business incubator, which assists women and minority entrepreneurs in starting up new enterprises.

Sponsors for the event include: Adirondack Environmental Services, Christopher J. Cassidy and Wells Fargo Advisors, PBR Graphics, NBT Bank, St. Peter's Health Care Systems, Netrition Inc., Selkirk Cogen, Times Union, Berkshire Bank, Max E. Chmura, S2S Enterprises, Norman and Micki Massry and The Nigro Companies.

Tickets for the gala are \$100 per person. In addition to cocktails and dinner, there will be a silent and live auction.

For more information on sponsorships or to donate an auction item please call 456-2898.

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Founded in 1994, Community Caregivers is a non-profit (501c3) whose mission is to help individuals of all ages maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life within their homes and communities. The volunteer-run organization, which serves the town of Guilderland and parts of Bethlehem, Berne, Knox and New Scotland, offers an array of services, including transportation for disabled, elderly and non-driving persons; essential shopping; respite time for caregivers; short-term meal preparation or delivery; light housework; minor repairs and yard work; home visits or reassurance calls; assistance with paperwork and correspondence; and, referrals to other agencies. For more information, call (518) 456-2898, or visit communitycaregivers.org.