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MAUREEN HINKELMAN

Hospice Care Network Hosts 15th Annual Crystal Ball Gala

On Saturday, Nov. 15, Hospice Care Network (HCN) will host their 15th Annual Crystal Ball Gala. The black tie event will feature a "Mardi Gras Casino Night" that will be held at the Glen Head Country Club in Glen Head at 7 p.m. This year's event will honor Maureen Hinkelman, president and CEO of Hospice Care Network, and William A. Marino, chairman and CEO of Allied North America.

Maureen Hinkelman is this year's recipient of the George W. Frank Chairman's Award for her outstanding leadership and contributions to Hospice Care Network and the community. Ms. Hinkelman joined Hospice Care Network in 1998 where under her direction the organization has become one of the largest and most well respected in the state. Through Ms. Hinkelman's guidance, HCN has developed innovative programs to support families struggling with advancing illnesses and the bereavement that follows. Some of these programs include a pediatric hospice program for children with a terminal illness, a perinatal hospice program for infants, the Marks Center for Caregivers, the Hospice Inn at Franklin Hospital and most recently the hospice center in Peninsula Hospital. Ms. Hinkelman has also been instrumental in obtaining grant funding. Some of the grants awarded to HCN include: a technology grant to fund the implementation of an electronic medical record which gives the hospice team ready access to patient information; a grant to increase access to underserved populations; a grant to provide education and information to Asian and Hispanic residents

of Queens; and most recently a grant to recruit and train volunteer practitioners in complementary therapies which will provide comfort to patients and caregivers. Ms. Hinkelman has served as the Chair of the New York State and of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organizations' Board of Trustees.

William A. Marino, who is this year's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for his tremendous leadership in the business community, is the founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of the Allied Group of Companies. Marino leads a thriving, dynamic insurance and surety bond agency on the principles of outstanding service, creativity and the desire to achieve the highest standards in the insurance industry. Under Marino's stewardship, Allied has grown to become the nation's largest independent insurance and surety bond brokerage specializing in the construction industry. Marino's thoughtful creativity has successfully guided Allied through various market trends and business environments, continually maintaining the cutting edge status. Marino was most recently recognized for his professional and personal contributions by his acceptance into the Young President's Organization, a group comprised of noteworthy business leaders from around the world.

The 15th Annual Crystal Ball Gala will take place from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket prices are \$350 a person and include a sit down dinner, cocktails, live entertainment, casino games, raffles and a silent auction. For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact Chris Court at 224-6467.



WILLIAM A. MARINO