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Making the Bidding Count

Camp Loyaltown Auction Brings in \$130,000 for Special Needs Camp

(New Hyde Park, NY) – With paddles in the air and fierce bidding competitions taking place, attendees of the 19th Annual Camp Loyaltown Auction were there with one goal in mind- to support Camp Loyaltown and the hundreds of campers that visit each summer. This year's Auction honored volunteer group The Giving Tree Family and Dr. Stanley Katz of the North Shore- LIJ Health System.

For more than 40 years, Camp Loyaltown has been opening its doors to meet the needs of children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities on Long Island. Each summer, over 650 campers travel to upstate New York for an opportunity to partake in the traditional summer camp experience, enjoying specialized activities and making lasting friendships.

Thanks to the success of the Auction, Camp Loyaltown will continue to create lasting memories for all who attend. Held at the Inn at New Hyde Park, the 215 supporters in attendance helped the Auction raise over \$130,000.

With both live and silent components, the Auction featured competitive bidding on various vacation packages, opera tickets, sports memorabilia, private tours and more. While the night is carefree and fun for all, the Auction is critical in ensuring that vital projects such as newly paved roads for better wheelchair accessibility, a therapeutic swimming pool, a mini-golf course and other general repairs and maintenance are completed.

The event recognized the efforts of The Giving Tree Family, a diverse volunteer group made up of young students dedicated to giving back. The Giving Tree Family was instrumental in helping to prepare Camp Loyaltown for the summer season and have developed a lasting relationship with Camp Loyaltown. Dr. Stanley Katz, Chairman of the Department of Cardiology, Director of the Cardiac Catherization Lab and Senior VP of the Cardiac Catherization Lab of the North Shore-LIJ Health System was also honored.

The event's success was due in part to the evening's sponsors including Campfire Sponsors: Sparkling Pointe, North Shore LIJ Eastern Region; Evergreen Sponsors: Ellen and Robert Steinberger, Enterprise Fleet Management; Pedal Boat Sponsor: Chem RX; Smores Sponsor: Sol Goldman Charitable Trust; and Video Sponsor, George and Marcy Bauer.

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