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**AHRC Foundation's Annual Rose Ball Honors**  
**Roslyn D. Goldmacher and Congressman Steve Israel**

**(Woodbury, NY)** – In its 64<sup>th</sup> year, AHRC Foundation held their annual Rose Ball event to benefit children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Lauren Scala, NBC 4 New York and “Today in New York” reporter, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening where Roslyn D. Goldmacher and Congressman Steve Israel of the New York State 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District were recipients of the Leadership Award and Humanitarian Award, respectively.

The Leadership Award recognizes members of the corporate community who have helped further the mission of the Foundation. As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Long Island Development Corporation (LIDC), Goldmacher was acknowledged as the Leadership Award Recipient for her influence in the business community and longtime support of AHRC Nassau, including her membership on the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Goldmacher stated, “I am tremendously proud to be involved in this organization on both a personal and professional level. This award is truly an honor.” Her success with LIDC includes the operation of over 16 economic development programs under various government and private sector entities - directly lending \$1 billion to small businesses, leveraging an additional \$2.5 billion in funds for the economy and creating and retaining over 60,000 jobs for the community.

Inspired by her twin sister, Shelley, who has been supported by AHRC Nassau’s services for many years, Goldmacher is a tireless advocate for creating employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. “It is important that these men and women reach their potential as independent, productive members of society” noted Goldmacher, “and however I can help individuals achieve that is an extremely worthwhile endeavor.”

Congressman Israel was awarded the Humanitarian Award, which recognizes individuals who have shown dedication in improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Congressman Israel has personally visited AHRC programs, including Advantage Care, Brookville Center for Children’s Services and the Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism. Earlier this year, Israel met with AHRC leadership in Washington to discuss strategies to expand the EWorks’ electronic recycling program in the region and with the potential to expand nationally. EWorks gainfully employs men and women with developmental and physical disabilities while responsibly recycling Long Island’s electronic waste.

As the Foundation’s largest and most prestigious fundraiser, Rose Ball successfully raised over \$440,000 with 450 guests in attendance. By actively supporting AHRC Nassau and organizations who share the Foundation’s vision, the Rose Ball seeks to ensure that services for people with special needs will continue now and into the future.

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**Background:** In 1994, the Nassau County AHRC Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, was formed to ensure that regardless of budget cuts and changes in the political and economic climate, compassionate, community-based programs for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities will continue now, and for future generations.