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AHRC Foundation Board elects new member

Elizabeth Wright Kahane, a founder of the commercial real-estate firm Milestone Partners and a longtime supporter of the AHRC New York City Foundation's "A Special Night for Special Children," has been elected to the foundation's Board of Directors.

Mrs. Wright Kahane started her firm in 2004 after more than seven years at Insignia/ESG, now CB Richard Ellis, Inc. For five years previously, she represented tenants for R. B. Schlesinger & Co. She began her career at a boutique firm, RLA and Associates, in 1987, from there moving to James Felt Realty.

Mrs. Wright Kahane's clients have included the Resnick family, The Gateway Schools, the Bank of China and Yeshiva

University, among others.

She served as the dinner journal chair for "A Special Night for Special Children" for 10 years before becoming a co-chair in 2008. Her other philanthropic interests include the Central Park Conservancy and American Ballet Theater.

Mrs. Wright Kahane and her husband, William M. Kahane, have a son who attends St. Bernard's School, where she is also an active volunteer. They live in Manhattan. ■



Elizabeth Wright Kahane, president of Milestone Partners, has joined the AHRC Foundation Board.

Steven Pozycki to be honored at 'A Special Night'

Steven J. Pozycki, chairman and chief executive officer of SJP Properties, will be honored at the 28th Annual "A Special Night for Special Children," hosted by the real estate and construction industries of New York.

Mr. Pozycki will receive the M. Anthony Fisher Humanitarian Award at the event October 21 at Capitale. The late Mr. Fisher was



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Players to tee off in AHRC Golf Classic June 28

The 16th Annual AHRC Golf Classic, presented by the Feil family, Burke Supply and the Irwin Siegel Agency, will be held June 28 at the Glen Oaks Club in Old Westbury, New York.

International Lights, Inc., is the chair for the 16th consecutive year.

The event includes brunch, 18 holes of golf with contests such as "closest to

the pin," lunch on the course, a cocktail reception and an awards dinner and raffle. All golfers will receive a registration gift

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putting contest winner will receive a week's vacation for two at the Bitter End Yacht Club

Aragon LLC and Monday Properties are corporate sponsors of the event. Mitchell Bloomberg, a principal of

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A jubilant golfer on the Glen Oaks course at last year's AHRC Golf Classic.

Photo by Roger Carr

AHRC New York City Foundation

More than 15 percent of all children born in the U.S. eventually are diagnosed with some form of developmental delay or disability.

Developmental disabilities do not discriminate. They cross all ethnic and economic lines and can have a profound impact on a child's life and family.

Yet, no matter how severe the disability, it is possible for the child to have a rich, productive and worthwhile life and be part of the wider community.

The AHRC New York City Foundation benefits organizations, including AHRC New York City, that help make such a life possible for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Founded in 1949 by the mother of a child with special needs, AHRC is the oldest and

largest provider of social services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, each day serving more than 11,000 people at 100 sites in NYC.

Among the many programs and services AHRC offers are schools, camping and recreation, job-training and employment opportunities, family-style community residences, health care and legal assistance.





Thurman Munson Dinner set for February 1

The 31st Annual Thurman Munson Awards Dinner will be held February 1, 2011 at the Grand Hyatt New York.

The 2010 dinner raised more than \$700,000 for AHRC New York City's programs and services.

Lynn Pike, president of Capital One Bank, received the Corporate Hero Award, given for leadership in business and philanthropy.

Ms. Pike, the first woman to receive the award, has fostered a community-development lending, investment and philanthropic giving program at Capital One.



Michael N. Rosen, chairman of the AHRC Foundation and a partner in the law firm Bryan Cave, presents the Corporate Hero Award to **Lynn Pike**, president of Capital One Bank.



Honorary Chair **Diana Munson** (left) with honorees **Lynn Pike** and (from left) **Chris Du** **Joba Chamberlain** and **Jason Barlett**.

Thurman Munson was a beloved captain and catcher for the Yankees,

Michael N. Rosen, a partner in the law firm Bryan Cave, chairman of the AHRC New York City Foundation Board of Directors and the 2009 recipient of the Corporate Hero Award, presented the award to Ms. Pike.

Recipients of the Thurman Munson Award, given for athletic accomplishment

and contributions to the community, were Joba Chamberlain of the New York Yankees, Darryl Strawberry, formerly of the New York Mets and New York Yankees, Chris Duhon of the New York Knicks and Jason Bartlett, a champion harness-racing driver.

The Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella, a Yankee teammate of the late Thurman Munson, received the Legend Award, recognizing athletic accomplishment over a long career.

The sportscaster Len Berman was the

Master of Ceremonies and Diana Munson, Mr. Munson's widow, was the honorary chair. Thurman Munson, a beloved captain and catcher for the Yankees, died in a plane crash in 1979.

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Dinner co-chairs were Andrew Corrado, senior vice president of Capital

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a longtime benefactor of AHRC. The award recognizes business and philanthropic achievement.

Mr. Pozycki founded SJP Properties 25 years ago. It is a privately held property development, investment and management firm with headquarters in Parsippany, N.J. In 2004, the company expanded into residential development.

In 2007, the company broke ground for a 40-story, 1.1 million-square-foot building

at 11 Times Square, noted for its advanced environmental and technological features.

The law firm Proskauer Rose is expected to become the anchor tenant in the building, with a lease of approximately 400,000 square feet.

Mr. Pozycki has been a supporter of "A Special Night for Special Children" and a benefactor of Monmouth University's Real Estate Institute.

Co-chairs for the event include Kenneth Fisher, a partner in Fisher Brothers;

Elizabeth Wright Kahane, president of Milestone Partners, Limited; Paul Pariser, co-founder of Taconic Investment Partners, LLC; and Stephen B. Siegel, chairman of global brokerage, CB Richard Ellis, Inc.

Mr. Pozycki founded SJP Properties 25 years ago.

Tables of 10 at the dinner are \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$7,500. Individual tickets are \$1,000. For information or reservations, call Dinner Committee Headquarters at 212-888-7003. ■

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and a prize, both from the pro shop.

Raffle prizes include Yankees, Mets and Knicks tickets; dinner at Il Mulino, Barbounia, Nice Matin and other fine restaurants; and golf at Seawane,

Engineers, Westchester Hills and other clubs.

16th Annual AHRC Golf Classic will be held at the Glen Oaks Club in Old Westbury, New York

The winner of a post-tournament putting contest will receive a week's vacation for two at the Bitter End Yacht Club in Virgin Gorda.

Foursomes are \$6,000, and individual players are \$1,750. For information or reservations, call Dianne Gomez at 212-780-2779. ■





is Duhon, Lou Piniella, Darryl Strawberry,

One Bank; James Covington, executive vice president of Capital One Bank; Peter D. Noris, a principal of Aberdeen Realty Group, LLC; and Lawrence Simon, co-founder of Ivy Asset Management Corp.

the 31st Annual Thurman Munson Awards Dinner will be on Feb. 1, 2011

For information about the 2011 event, call the Dinner Headquarters Office at 212-249-6188. ■

New Broadway smash is a hit for AHRC Foundation too

Friends of the AHRC New York City Foundation were among the first to see the new hit Broadway musical *The Addams Family*.

More than \$40,000 was raised at the theater benefit, which featured a pre-theater dinner at La Masseria, a southern Italian theater-district restaurant.

Eighty premium seats were available for the benefit, which sold out.

The show, based on *The New Yorker* cartoons by the late Charles Addams, stars Nathan Lane and Bebe Neuwirth. It quickly became one of the top-grossing shows on Broadway, exceeded only by *Wicked*.

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The AHRC New York City Foundation thanks the theater benefit committee:

Grant will aid school-to-community transition

A school-to-community transition program for students graduating from AHRC Middle/High School in Brooklyn has been awarded a grant of \$75,000 over three years.

will employ a transition coordinator who will foster relationships with employers and post-secondary education programs

The grant is funded by The Walmart Foundation and administered by The Arc of the United States.

The program aims to make the transition from high school to work, further education and community living as seamless as possible for the students, who have a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

internships and volunteer experiences are key components

The program uses “person-centered planning,” a process that involves the

student and his or her parents and teachers in envisioning a desirable future and figuring out how to achieve it.

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Most of the grant funds will be used to employ a transition coordinator for the school, who will foster relationships with employers and post-secondary education programs and help students and parents develop transition goals and plans.

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The school has several organizational partners in the program, among them Job Path, which helps people with disabilities find employment opportunities.

Another organizational partner is the Melissa Riggio Higher Education Program at Kingsborough Community College, a post-secondary certificate program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. ■



Guests at *The Addams Family* pre-theater dinner, including benefit committee members **Jay Lieberman** (second from left) and **Penny Lieberman** (far right).

Photos by Roger Carr

Benefit committee member **Kenneth D. Arbeeny, Esq.** and his wife, **Maureen Arbeeny**.

Kenneth D. Arbeeny, Esq.; Caroline Hirsch; Penny and Jay Lieberman; Susan and Vincent Rohan; Heather and Michael Rosen; and Susan and Samuel Williams. ■





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Legend Award recipient **Lou Piniella** signs autographs for kids in an AHRC recreation program at the 30th Annual Thurman Munson Awards Dinner. See page 2.

Spring Gala benefits two AHRC schools

The third annual Spring Gala, benefiting AHRC's Brooklyn Blue Feather Elementary School and AHRC Middle/High School, raised more than \$24,000.

Approximately 120 guests, including parents, teachers and staff members, attended the event at Rex Manor in Brooklyn. The evening included a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing, as well as a raffle and Chinese auction.

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Among the prizes were a week's stay at the Hotel Krystal in Puerto Vallarta, "Subway Series" tickets, a Red Door Spa package, four passes to a Disney theme park of the winner's choice and gift certificates for fine restaurants and stores.

The two AHRC schools have approximately 250 students with a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Funds raised at the Spring Gala meet needs that cannot be met with government funds.

For example, funds raised at last year's event were used to purchase musical instruments for the middle/high school and to enhance the reading and writing program at the elementary school.

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Co-chairs of the event were Elizabeth and John Lotito, Maria and Sandlin Lowe and Julie and Billy O'Donnell. Raffle/auction chairs were Mary McGuire and Stephen Weafer and Jasmine and Christopher Ross. ■



Benefit Co-chairs **Maria Lowe** and **R. Sandlin Lowe III, M.D.**



Raffle/auction Co-chairs **Stephen Weafer** and **Mary McGuire.**

Save the Date... 'Autumn in New York' benefit Nov. 9

The eighth annual "Autumn in New York" event to benefit AHRC's Esther Ashkenas Central Park Early Learning Center will be held November 9 at Battery Gardens Restaurant in Battery Park.

Last year the cocktail reception, which features a raffle and Chinese auction, raised more than \$75,000 for the school. There are approximately 130 children with developmental delays and disabilities, as well as typically developing children, in preschool and daycare programs at the Central Park center.

Funds raised at the event are used to enrich the children's experience with art and music therapy, yoga, field trips, computer hardware and software and library materials and to provide professional-development opportunities for teachers.

Marisa and Babak Makarechian will chair the event for the second consecutive year. Alex White and Shaheen Knox will serve as raffle/auction chairs.

Tickets are \$185 each. A \$110 sponsorship will allow a teacher to attend the event and receive three free raffle tickets. For information or reservations, call Dianne Gomez at 212-780-2779. ■

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