

Top pro athletes to receive Thurman Munson Awards

New York Yankees rookie sensation Gary Sanchez, popular New York Mets infielder Wilmer Flores and Super Bowl champion Victor Cruz will be honored at the 37th Annual Thurman Munson Awards Dinner February 7 at the Grand Hyatt New York.

The Thurman Munson Award, named for the legendary Yankee captain, recognizes athletic accomplishment and contributions to the community.

Sanford J. Schlesinger, founding partner of the law firm Schlesinger,

Gannon & Lazetera LLP, will also be honored at the event. He will receive the Corporate Hero Award, given for professional and philanthropic achievement.

Mr. Schlesinger is a nationally recognized expert in trusts and estates, tax planning and charitable giving. He lectures and writes frequently on these subjects and is active in many professional associations.

Diana Munson, Thurman's widow, is honorary chair of the event for

the 37th year.

After being called up to the major leagues in August, Gary Sanchez is credited with single-handedly reviving the Yankees' season. In September, he hit his 18th and 19th home runs in his 45th game, reaching that mark faster than any other player in the modern era.

Wilmer Flores plays all four infield positions for the New York Mets. He has been a fan favorite ever since his near-trade to the Milwaukee Brewers and subsequent walk-off homer against the Washington Nationals in 2015. In 2016
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Sonny Kalsi to be honored at 'A Special Night'

Sonny Kalsi, a founder and partner of GreenOak Real Estate, will be honored with the M. Anthony Fisher Humanitarian Award at the 34th Annual "A Special Night for Special Children." The event will be held March 13 at the Mandarin Oriental New York.



The cocktail and dinner reception is hosted by the real estate, construction and design industries of New York.

The award, named for the late Mr. Fisher, a partner in Fisher Brothers and a benefactor of the AHRC New York City Foundation, is given for achievement in business and philanthropy.

GreenOak is a real estate investment and management firm with offices in seven counties. Mr. Kalsi has responsibility for the U.S. business. Since its founding in 2010, GreenOak has raised \$4.5 billion in equity and acquired approximately
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AHRC Golf Classic to be held at 2017 site of The Barclays

The 23rd Annual AHRC Golf Classic will be held June 26 at the Glen Oaks Club in Old Westbury, N.Y., 2017 site of the prestigious PGA tournament The Barclays.

The event will be chaired by Mitchell Bloomberg, co-president of International Lights, Inc., and Joseph Brancato, a regional managing principal of Gensler. It will include 18 holes of golf, brunch, lunch on the course, a cocktail reception and awards dinner and gifts and prizes for all golfers.

The 2016 event was sold out, raising approximately \$400,000 for AHRC's
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Reaching Out Award recipient Charles Kleiman and Co-chair Joseph Brancato

Photo by Tony Lopez

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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 fulfilling 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 15,000 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, mental-health care and legal assistance.

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Victor Cruz is a Pro Bowl wide receiver for the New York Giants. He helped lead the club to victory in Super Bowl XLVI. He founded the Victor Cruz Foundation, which furthers



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Gary Sanchez



Wilmer Flores



Victor Cruz

education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, known as STEM.

Tables of 10 at the Thurman Munson Awards Dinner start at \$10,000.

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Earlier Mr. Kalsi was global co-head of Morgan Stanley's real estate investment business and president of Morgan Stanley Real Estate Funds.

He is a member of the Board of Regents of Georgetown University, a trustee of the Asia Society, a trustee of the Spence School and a member of the Board of Directors of the Jorge Posada Foundation.

Serving as co-chairs of the event are Kenneth Fisher, a partner in Fisher Brothers; Michael A. Happel, president and chief executive officer of New York REIT,

Individual tickets start at \$1,000. Register online at www.ahrcNYCfoundation.org/events or contact Dinner Committee Headquarters at jennifer@emgbenefits.com or 212-249-6188. ■

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The AHRC New York City Foundation's Reaching Out Award was presented to Charles Kleiman, a student in AHRC's Melissa Riggio Higher Education Program. The award is given annually to a person in an AHRC program who has made progress in becoming an independent and fully contributing member of the

Inc.; Gentry Ashmore Hoit, partner and head of business development, GreenOak Real Estate; Elizabeth Kahane, president, Milestone Partners; Robert Lapidus, president and chief investment officer, L & L Holding Company; and Chris Niehaus, partner and head of U.S. business, GreenOak Real Estate.

Sponsorships start at \$10,000, and individual tickets are \$1,000. Register online at www.ahrcNYCfoundation.org/events or contact the Benefit Office at HCooper@dsconsultinggroup.com or 212-435-4874. ■

community. The Melissa Riggio program, on several college campuses in New York City, enables graduates of high school special-education programs to prepare for careers while enjoying the same college experiences as their typical peers.

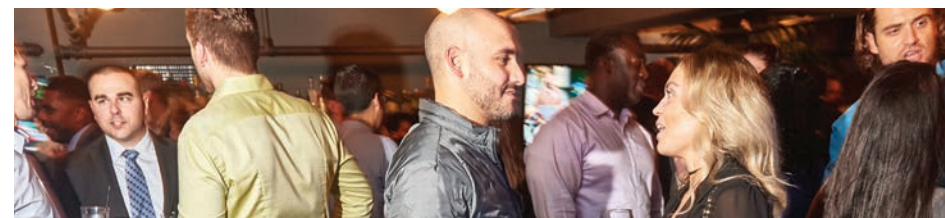
Foursomes at the 2017 event are \$6,000. Individual player slots are \$1,750 or \$1,000 for people age 35 and under. For more information, contact Dianne Gomez at dianne.gomez@ahrcnyc.org or 212-780-2779. ■

Young Leadership networking event is sold out

The AHRC Golf Classic's Young Leadership Committee held a sold-out networking event at Proper West in Midtown Manhattan. The committee's purpose is to generate support for the golf classic among young professionals, particularly those in the real estate, construction, design and financial services industries. Approximately 75 people attended.

The event featured a raffle with such prizes as New York Rangers tickets, a Kate Spade bag and a \$250 Ralph Lauren gift certificate.

For more information about the Young Leadership Committee, contact Dianne Gomez at dianne.gomez@ahrcnyc.org or 212-780-2779. ■



Guests at Proper West networking event.

Photo by Jerry Speier

Theater benefit features acclaimed show

Eighty friends of the AHRC New York City Foundation were among the first to see *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812* on Broadway. The evening, which included a pre-theater dinner at Trattoria Trecolori, raised nearly \$60,000 for the Foundation.

New York Times theater critic Charles Isherwood called the show, which stars Josh Groban, "...the most innovative and the best new musical to open on Broadway since *Hamilton*," adding "I prefer this show to that one."

The AHRC New York City Foundation thanks the theater benefit committee members: Kenneth D. Arbeeny, Esq.; Caroline Hirsh; Jill and Mark Hirsch; Penny and Jay Lieberman; Heather and Michael N. Rosen; and Susan Williams. ■



Mitchell Rudin, Maureen Arbeeny, Bonnie Rudin and theater benefit committee member Kenneth D. Arbeeny, Esq.

Photo by Jerry Speier



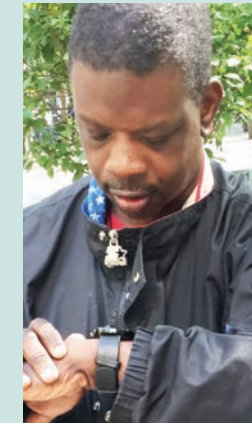
Theater benefit committee members Jay and Penny Lieberman

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From left: AHRC Golf Classic Co-chair Mitchell Bloomberg; Stephen Odzer of Imperial Bag & Paper Co., a presenting sponsor; Robert Scheinman of J.T. Magen and Company and John Broxmeyer of Cooper Electric Supply Co., corporate sponsors.

Photo by Tony Lopez



Grants bring personal technology to people in AHRC programs

A \$200,000 grant from The Taft Foundation and a \$218,000 grant from the AHRC New York City Foundation are supporting a program that has been demonstrated to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

become more independent and achieve their goals through the use of personal technology.

Mobile devices can help increase independence for people with disabilities.

For example, a tablet or mobile phone can improve a person's employment prospects and success by providing transit information and reminding him or her of work schedules and tasks. The program also aims to help AHRC staff integrate technological solutions into the services they offer.

The program began in June 2014 with a 15-month \$658,000 grant from the New York State Department of Health. A study of 180 program participants over a nine-month period showed that, on average, each person increased time spent working on goals independently by 7 hours a week in a supervised setting and 3.5 hours a week in the community.

AHRC also received a \$50,000 grant from The Taft Foundation for the pilot program. AHRC has provided 240 people with mobile devices and plans to bring the total to 500 by June 2017. ■



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AHRC Young Leadership raffle prizes included New York Rangers tickets, a Kate Spade handbag and more.

AHRC Foundation grant builds new indoor playground

The AHRC New York City Foundation made a \$100,000 grant to build an indoor playground at the AHRC Central Park Early Learning Center's new location. The center lost the lease at its Upper West Side location and moved to Midtown West at the start of the school year.

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The center currently serves 130 children who have developmental delays and disabilities, as well as typically developing children, in preschool and daycare programs.

Playground activities are critically important for a child to develop language, motor and social skills. However, there are no nearby parks or playgrounds at the school's new location.

There were no government funds available for the construction of a playground so the AHRC Foundation raised funds from individual donors and designated gifts received on Giving Tuesday for the project.

On Giving Tuesday, observed annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the U.S., charities around the world join together to promote giving. The Foundation added funds from unrestricted gifts to complete the playground. ■

Grant supports new program to ease wheelchair repairs

The AHRC New York City Foundation has made a two-year grant of approximately \$107,000 for the creation of MoveAbility, an AHRC initiative to increase the speed and efficiency of wheelchair repairs for people enrolled in its programs.

There are approximately 200 wheelchair users in AHRC's Adult Day Services program alone. Wheelchairs frequently need repairs and adjustments. The process of obtaining them through Medicaid or Medicare is lengthy, if

they are covered at all. Meanwhile, the wheelchair user is unable to attend his or her day program, missing enjoyable activities and opportunities to socialize.

MoveAbility is located at an adult day center in the

Bronx where two days a month, a doctor, occupational therapist and technician assess needs, conduct routine maintenance, make minor repairs and help families obtain any complex repairs needed. ■

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Save the date... Annual Spring Luncheon

The Annual Spring Luncheon, benefiting AHRC's Brooklyn Blue Feather Elementary School and AHRC Middle/High School, will be held April 1 at Buckley's Restaurant in Brooklyn.

The event will include a three-course lunch, dancing and a raffle and chance auction.

The two schools serve approximately 250 children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Funds raised at the event help meet

important needs at the school that government funds do not cover. For example, the schools plan to use funds raised at the 2017 event to purchase computers for classrooms at Brooklyn Blue Feather and to continue the music, art and dance programs at AHRC Middle/High School. A robotics class is also planned for the middle/high school.

The event will be chaired by Courtney and Grant Case and Michelle Pisani-Hinojo and Alfredo Hinojo, parents of students at the schools. ■

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