Munson Dinner, featuring Fisher Award, is set for February 5

The 39th Annual Thurman Munson Awards Dinner, featuring the M. Anthony Fisher Humanitarian Award, will be held February 5, 2019 at the Grand Hyatt New York. Honorees will be announced.

This year’s Thurman Munson Award recipients were New York Giants Super Bowl Champion Justin Tuck, New York Yankee David Robertson and New York Met T.J. Rivera. The New York Yankees World Series Champion Jorge Posada and MLB All-Star and World Series Champion Carlos Beltran received Legend Awards.

The Thurman Munson Award recognizes athletic accomplishments and contributions to the community. The Legend Award honors those who have earned a place in sports history.

Adam Spies, capital markets chairman at Cushman & Wakefield, was this year’s recipient of the M. Anthony Fisher Humanitarian Award. The award is given annually to a member of the real estate, construction or design industries for achievements in business and philanthropy. It is named Continued on the next page.

AHRC Golf Classic sells out again

The 24th Annual AHRC Golf Classic, presented by The Feil Family Foundation and Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC, was sold out for the fourth consecutive year and raised approximately $400,000.

Corporate sponsors of the event were J.T. Magen & Co., Inc. and Cooper Electric Supply Co./Sonepar USA.

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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, camps, recreation, job-training and employment opportunities, family-style community residences, mental health care and legal assistance.
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for the late Anthony M. Fisher, a partner in Fisher Brothers and a benefactor of the AHRC New York City Foundation.

James M. Benson, the chief executive officer of Benson Botsford LLC and an advocate for athletes with disabilities, received the Corporate Hero Award, recognizing business and philanthropic leadership, at the Thurman Munson Awards Dinner.

Diana Munson, widow of the legendary Yankees catcher, served as honorary chair, and Michael Kay, the YES Network’s voice of the Yankees and an ESPN radio host, was the Master of Ceremonies.

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Young Leadership Committee event boosts AHRC Golf Classic

The Young Leadership Committee, in association with the AHRC Golf Classic corporate chairs, hosted a networking event at Bourbon Street Bar & Grille for professionals age 35 and under. Approximately 60 attended.

The committee seeks to generate interest in the golf classic among young professionals, particularly those in the real estate, construction and design industries. It holds two networking events each year.

In addition to food and beverages, the evening included a raffle with such prizes as a designer handbag, dinner at The Capital Grille and American Express gift cards.

For more information about the Young Leadership Committee, contact Dianne Gomez at dianne.gomez@ahrcnyc.org or 212-780-2779.
More than $100,000 was raised at Mediterranean Nights, a wine tasting at Italian Wine Merchants, near Union Square. The event, benefiting AHRC’s Residential Services program, was presented by CNY Group and Drennen Bros. Hauser Foundation.

Proceeds from the event will provide AHRC residents with items that improve their quality of life, such as FitBits, new clothes, dinner and a movie or a vacation.

The Robert Mize and Isa White Trimble Family Foundation was a benefactor sponsor. Helene and Johannes Huth and Nicholas Pascarella & Co. were patron sponsors.

Approximately 100 attended the event, which was co-chaired by Jeanne Sdroulas and Theodora Vardis.

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There are more than 600 people living in AHRC residences throughout New York City, many of whom do not have a source of income or family members to provide such items.

The Spring Fling, an afternoon featuring lunch and games of chance, raised nearly $30,000 for the Brooklyn Blue Feather Elementary School and AHRC Middle/High School.

The event was held in the Brooklyn Blue Feather auditorium and was attended by approximately 160 people including parents, students, staff members and friends and relatives.

A hot lunch, desserts and beverages were provided by the Notaro and Nunez family, El Caribe Caterers, Battista Ristorante, Ben’s Pizza, Aliotta Pastry Shop, Penta Water and Zevia.

A parent committee, chaired by Courtney and Grant Case and Michelle Pisani-Hinojo and Alfredo Hinojo, solicited and donated more than 100 prizes. The event included chance auctions, raffles, a box pool and lottery boards, among other games of chance.

Funds raised at the event help meet needs that cannot be met with government funds. For example, funds raised at previous events to benefit the schools were used to refurbish classrooms, purchase curriculum materials, develop internships and send students on field trips. Brooklyn Blue Feather Elementary School and AHRC Middle/High School each serve approximately 125 students with autism.

The AHRC New York City Foundation thanks the benefit chairs – Mr. and Mrs. Case, Ms. Pisani-Hinojo and Mr. Hinojo – and the Benefit Committee members: Melissa Allende and Michael Breder, Christine and Greg Clements, Yasmin Haniff, Jessenia and Michael Herzog, Elizabeth and Eddie Martinez, Mary McGuire-Weafer and Stephen Weafer, Dina Micucci and Donald Kaplan, Josephine and Oscar Nunez, Ellen Smith and Joseph Zevola, Tarshi and Kevin Woods and Inna Yalovsky and Dmitry Sapozhnikov.

AHRC residences benefit from Mediterranean Nights event

First ‘Spring Fling’ is a resounding success

AHRC Middle/High School Principal Andrew Winfrey (left) with Benefit Co-chairs Alfredo Hinojo and Michelle Pisani-Hinojo.

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The AHRC New York City Foundation has made a $500,000 grant to fill a gap in New York State funding for AHRC’s Melissa Riggio Higher Education Program and Day Habilitation without Walls Program.

The Melissa Riggio program enables students who are graduating from high-school special-education classes to take part in college academic, vocational and social activities alongside typical students. The program is offered at community colleges in four boroughs.

Two AHRC preschool playgrounds to be renovated with grant

The AHRC New York City Foundation has made a $300,000 grant to renovate the playgrounds at AHRC preschools in the Bronx and Brooklyn. The playgrounds were last renovated in 2005.

AHRC Foundation grant makes job-training sites accessible

Two new AHRC job-training sites have been modified to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, thanks to a $91,500 grant from the AHRC New York City Foundation.

The two sites, one in Brooklyn and one in Staten Island, serve a total of approximately 1,000 people. Among the programs offered at the sites are supported employment, which provides opportunities to enter the workforce and job coaching for those who secure employment; Project Search, which assists high school students in transitioning to the workforce; and TechnoStart, a 12-week program of instruction in widely used computer applications such as Word and Excel.

The children at the schools have developmental delays or disabilities or autism. There are approximately 140 children in preschool and daycare programs at the Bronx location and approximately 175 at the Brooklyn location.

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