Matthew Lustig of Lazard Honored at 46th Real Estate and Construction Industries Dinner Dance

Event Raises $2 Million for Precision Medicine Research at National Jewish Health, the Leading Respiratory Hospital in the Nation

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NEW YORK, NY — Matthew Lustig, managing partner of North American Investment Banking and head of Real Estate at Lazard, received the National Jewish Health Humanitarian Award at the Winter’s Evening Real Estate and Construction Industries Dinner Dance at the Grand Hyatt New York on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015. The event raised $2 million for National Jewish Health, the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. The event, in its 46th year, also included the induction of Ric Clark, senior managing partner of Brookfield, into the National Jewish Health Council of National Trustees.

New York’s most notable industry leaders, including Dinner Chairs Leonard Boxer, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP; Jonathan L. Mechanic, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP; and Alan Riffkin, Lazard; and Executive Chair Wendy M. Siegel, took part in honoring Lustig. Chair of the Board of Directors Richard Schierburg led Clark’s induction. Funds raised at the event support the newly established Matthew and Andrea Lustig Family Fund for the Advancement of Precision Medicine.

“A pillar of our work in precision medicine is the National Jewish Health Center for Genes, Environment and Health. Over the last few years, the Center has greatly expanded its efforts to incorporate genomics into every department at National Jewish Health,” said Michael Salem, MD, president and CEO of National Jewish Health. “The Matthew and Andrea Lustig Family Fund for the Advancement of Precision Medicine will support the future of National Jewish Health and medicine.”
The Humanitarian Award is the institution’s highest recognition for distinguished service to National Jewish Health and in the community. In his position at Lazard, Lustig is responsible for managing the company’s investment banking businesses across North America, and advising clients on strategic transactions in the real estate and lodging industries. He has overseen multiple funds with over $2.5 billion of equity capital invested in real estate operating companies and properties. Lustig is also a member of the Real Estate Roundtable and serves on the boards of the Pension Real Estate Association; Larson Leadership Initiative at the Urban Land Institute; The Samuel Zell and Robert Lurie Real Estate Center at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, where he is vice chairman; and the Paul Milstein Center for Real Estate at Columbia Business School. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Board of Visitors at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, his alma mater.

Clark, the event’s 2014 honoree, established the Ric Clark Fund for Cutting-Edge Pilot Studies and Bridge Research at last year’s Real Estate Dinner Dance. The fund has helped to fill federal funding gaps for important research taking place at National Jewish Health.

Over the institution’s 116 years, National Jewish Health faculty and staff have enjoyed a strong relationship with thousands of patients and supporters in the Tri-State Area. In January 2015, National Jewish Health and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai opened the Mount Sinai − National Jewish Health Respiratory Institute in New York City, bringing the institution’s cutting-edge research and compassionate care model directly to people in New York and on the East Coast. From January to August, the Mount Sinai − National Jewish Health Respiratory Institute logged nearly 11,200 patient visits.

The leadership of the Real Estate and Construction Industries Dinner Dance reflects New York’s legacy of broad support for the Denver-based institution. Event co-chairs were Marty Cohen, Cohen & Steers, Inc.; Joseph A. DeLuca, Joseph A. DeLuca, Inc.; Marc Holliday, SL Green Realty Corp.; Robert J. Ivanhoe, Greenberg Traurig, LL; James D. Kuhn, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank; Charles Kushner, Kushner Companies; Bruce Mosler, Cushman & Wakefield, Inc.; Lee S. Neibart, Ares Management LLC; Stephen B. Siegel, CBRE; and Larry Silverstein, Silverstein Properties, Inc..

For information on the 2016 A Winter’s Evening Dinner Dance, contact Dru Finkelstein at FinkelsteinD@njhealth.org or 212.297.0857, or visit wintersevegala.org.

National Jewish Health is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Founded 121 years ago as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health today is the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to groundbreaking medical research and treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders. Patients and families come to National Jewish Health from around the world to receive cutting-edge, comprehensive, coordinated care. To learn more, visit the media resources page.

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