Marty Burger of Silverstein Properties, Inc. Honored at 51st Real Estate and Construction Industries Dinner Dance

Event Raises $2.4 Million for National Jewish Health

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NEW YORK — More than 800 individuals attended the 51st annual ‘A Winter’s Evening’ Dinner Dance, December 14, 2019, at the Grand Hyatt New York, raising more than $2.4 million for National Jewish Health, the nation’s number one respiratory hospital. The black-tie gala for members of New York’s real estate and construction industries honored Marty Burger, CEO of Silverstein Properties, Inc., with the National Jewish Heath Humanitarian Award.

“’A Winter’s Evening’ is the nation’s largest charitable gala in New York. The gala raises vital funds to support the nation’s number one respiratory hospital and acknowledges individuals who embody good citizenship and philanthropy,” said Michael Salem, MD, president and CEO of National Jewish Health. “Marty is generous with his time and talent, and we appreciate all that he has contributed to National Jewish Health. We are privileged to honor him with this award.”

Funds raised at the event will support the newly-established Burger Family Fund for Advanced Diagnostics and Therapeutics for Respiratory and Related Diseases, backing research, technical and clinical expertise to ensure the best possible outcomes for patients. Respiratory diseases are a leading cause of death in the world.

“All of us in business know that in order to solve a problem, you have to first know what the problem is,” said Burger. “The ability to diagnose the problems and improve the health of those that had lost hope for a solution is an amazing thing. National Jewish Health has become known as the “Solution Shop” for the most challenging conditions in the country.”

Those honoring Burger and supporting National Jewish Health included titans of the New York real estate and construction industries, including Honorary Chair Larry Silverstein; Dinner Chairs Robert J. Ivanhoe of Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Jonathan L. Mechanic of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP; and Stephen B. Siegel of CBRE. The event also included the induction of Lloyd Goldman, president of BLDG Management Co., into the National Jewish Health Council of National Trustees.

Wendy Siegel served as executive chair for the event and organized a beautiful Mardi Gras themed evening of entertainment and dining, including decorations in green, purple and gold; costumed dancers; elaborate chandeliers and feathered centerpieces. Siegel has planned and successfully executed the event for the past 26 years.

Alison and Marty Burger, Feil Family Foundation and The Silverstein Family were President’s Circle sponsors of the event. Honoree’s Circle sponsors were CBRE; Glenwood; Victoria and Lloyd Goldman and Northwood Investors, LLC. and Founder sponsors were 5 Penn Plaza LLC; Blackstone|Real Estate; Boston Properties; Michele and Marty Cohen;
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For more information about ‘A Winter’s Evening’ Real Estate and Construction Industries Dinner Dance and other events benefiting National Jewish Health, please contact Claudia Shapiro at ShapiroC@njhealth.org, 212.297.0857.

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