Liberation Programs ‘Spirit of Hope’ Benefit Brings Resources to the Fight against Addiction

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Liberation Programs’ Ninth annual Spirit of Hope Benefit took place on Thursday, April 28 and netted $135,000 in funds to provide important resources to help save lives of young people and our neighbors struggling with addiction who cannot otherwise afford treatment. Three hundred guests attended Spirit of Hope, Co-Chaired by Heidi Smith Daileader, Michelle Luttrell and John C. McCarty who is also Chair of Liberation Programs’ Advisory Board.

Mr. McCarty emceed Liberation’s Signature event along with Chair of Liberation’s Board of Directors Sallyan Pelletier. The night was kicked off with remarks by Greenwich First Selectman Peter J. Tesei.

Pitney Bowes was recognized as one of Liberation Programs’ founding partners and Reverend Dale Rosenberger was honored as a
longstanding community partner who has worked alongside Liberation to save the lives of those struggling with drug and alcohol abuse. In his keynote address, Reverend Dale Rosenberger spoke of how addiction has affected not just the community but how it has touched so many on a personal level including his family.

When it was time for Liberation Programs' President and CEO Alan Mathis to address the packed room, he called for greater action for the problem of substance abuse. “Addiction kills every day yet somehow it isn’t seen as the deadly disease that it is. We need to be in an uproar about the problem. Where is the outrage? Where is the advocacy? Tonight, we are gathered here to face the fight head-on. Let’s turn this moment into a movement.”

Liberation Programs President and CEO Alan Mathis with Spirit of Hope Honoree and keynote speaker Reverend Dale Rosenberger. Photo: Kyle Norton/Moffly Media

Proceeds from Spirit of Hope go towards housing, mental health services, effective treatment alternatives and other support services that enable individuals and families to begin new lives and sustain lifelong recovery.