

## MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, RONALD O. PERELMAN AND HALLE BERRY CO-HOST BENEFIT IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS

Funds Will Support Initiative to Help Victims Break the Cycle of Domestic Violence

On Tuesday, June 14, 2011 Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Revlon Chairman Ronald O. Perelman, and Academy Award Winner Halle Berry co-hosted a dinner in support of the New York City Family Justice Centers. The event, held at Marcus Samuelsson's Red Rooster Restaurant in Harlem, also recognized Halle Berry for her efforts and advocacy for victims of domestic violence. Following the dinner guests and new guests attended a "Spring Soiree" held in the restaurants downstairs space, which featured music by DJ mOma and a special performance by Grammy Award winning singer Estelle. The Soiree Chairs were Jake Bright, Sora Caetano, Keri Ingvarsson, Mia Morgan, and Mike Muse.

The Family Justice Center Initiative, administered by the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, reduces barriers faced by victims of domestic abuse, allowing them to access a variety of services, such as prosecutorial, counseling, housing and financial assistance, under one roof. A public-private partnership, the Family Justice Centers (FJCs) rely on private donations to the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City provide clients with services and enhance the work of dedicated prosecutors, City agencies, and more than 35 community partners working together to assist those in need. Mayor Bloomberg opened the first FJC in Brooklyn in 2005, a second center in Queens in 2008, and the City's third center in April 2010 in the Bronx. Since the initiative's launch, the FJCs have had more than 130,000 client visits.

Among the guests at the June 14th event were: Mayor Bloomberg, Ronald O. Perelman, Halle Berry, First Deputy Mayor Patricia E. Harris, Deputy Mayor Carol Robles-Roman, Commissioner Yolanda Jimenez, Mayor's Fund President Megan Sheekey, Mariska Hargitay, Estelle, Yoko Ono, NY Giants Player Devin Thomas, Rob and Anne-Cecilie Speyer, Bill Rudin, and Dr. Joy Browne.

Event "Champions" were Jennie and Dick DeScherer, Lauren and Martin Geller, Ralph Lauren, Revlon, Tom and Cindy Secunda, and Tishman Speyer. "Supporters" include Angelo, Gordon & Co., Debra and Leon Black, Bloomingdale's, Inc., The Durst Organization, Inc., The Estée Lauder Companies, Inc., Glenwood Management Corp., Suzanne and Tom Murphy, Yoko Ono, The Peter J. Sharp Foundation, The Rudin Foundation, The Silverweed Foundation, Tishman Construction Corp., and Verizon Wireless. Additional in-kind donors included LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton Inc, Heineken, Castle Brands, and Revlon.

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