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2019 MHHC Foundation Impact Awards Gala

Bronx, NY (June 20, 2019)- Morris Heights Health Center (MHHC) Foundation hosted its annual Impact Awards Gala on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at beautiful Marina Del Rey located in the Bronx. With over 450 esteemed guests in attendance, including community partners, legislators, key stakeholders, as well as staff and friends of the health center, the gala raked in more than $300,000 in sponsorships and contributions.

This year’s gala honored 4 vital leaders in the community that have long been agents of change and have fought for social justice in the Bronx. We recognized a special non-profit organization that began its partnership with MHHC Foundation in 2018.

- Vanessa Gibson, Councilmember, District 16, Advocacy IMPACT Award
- Robert Mercedes, Principal, MS 390 and MHHC Board Chair, Leadership IMPACT Award
- Nelson Lebron, President & CEO, Wrapid Janitorials, Community Partnership IMPACT Award
- Oswaldo Rodriguez and Jose Almonte, Presidents & Co-Owners, SUYO Gastrofusion, Trailblazer IMPACT Award
- Stockings With Care, Special Recognition Award

The night truly belonged to the youth of the Bronx. A resounding inaugural gala address was delivered by President and CEO, Mari Millet in which she expressed just how crucial the focus on improving youth-targeted programs and resources is for the community at-large.

However, beyond simply addressing social issues, teens in the Bronx must first be afforded the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge, and a variety of other personal and social assets necessary to function effectively during adulthood. Understanding this need, MHHC awarded 12 scholarships to deserving college-bound Students
The MHHC Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Morris Heights Health Center, a nonprofit network of eight community-based health centers that serve patients across the South and Central Bronx.

For more information on the 2019 MHHC Impact Awards Gala or for a list of future MHHC Foundation events and activities visit www.mhhcfoundation.org

About MHHC Foundation
The MHHC Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Morris Heights Health Center. The MHHC Foundation was conceived to support the ongoing mission of the health center and has evolved, allowing the organization to create, collaborate, and fund innovative initiatives designed to foster good health, equality, and socioeconomic growth for residents in our community. Since 1997, the Foundation has mobilized over $50 million to aid in the fight against poverty and inequality, enhance the programs of MHHC, and support the 57,000+ patients who call the multi-site health system their medical home in the Bronx.

About Morris Heights Health Center
Since its inception in 1981, Morris Heights Health Center has been a federally qualified health center. Funded by federal, state, city, private foundation grants and corporate donations, MHHC is an outgrowth of a grassroots community response to medical abandonment of the Morris Heights section of the Bronx. MHHC is a network of eight treatment and diagnostic centers serving 53,000 patients annually, and does so without regard to a person’s ability to pay. MHHC’s mission is to be “the vanguard for quality, affordable and accessible healthcare for all.”

*From left to right: Verona Greenland, Founder and Former President; Councilmember Vanessa Gibson, District 16, The Bronx and Mari Millet, President & CEO, Morris Heights Health Center*
Our 2019 Impact Awards Scholarship recipients with their scholarship checks.

*From left to right:* Oswaldo Rodriguez, President & Co-Owner of SUYO Gastrofusion, Mari Millet, President & CEO, Morris Heights Health Center, Jose Almonte, President & Co-Owner of SUYO Gastrofusion, and Nelson Liriano, Manager of SUYO Gastrofusion