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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS IN NEW JERSEY EVENT HONORED ANN BURKE, FORMERLY OF WAKEFERN FOOD CORP., AND CORPORATE CHAMPION, RWJBARNABAS HEALTH, FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO YOUTH

Event Featured Mesmerizing Mind-Reading Performance By World-Class Entertainer
Oz Pearlman to Benefit Boys & Girls Clubs In New Jersey

CLIFTON, NJ - Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey's (BGCNJ) Fall Celebration honored Ann Burke, formerly of Wakefern Food Corporation, who for more than a decade, has served as a champion of Boys & Girls Club youth. She has demonstrated tremendous commitment to supporting Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey through her longstanding leadership on BGCNJ's Corporate Advisory Board. Ann's passion and generosity has greatly impacted the quality of life for young people in need across the state.

RWJBarnabas Health was recognized as a Corporate Champion by Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey for making a unique impact and working to keep communities healthy. The organization has focused on improving the health and wellness of NJ Club youth through educational initiatives including the "Hands On Healthy Kids" nutrition and wellness program. This important program utilizes a curriculum which was adapted by RWJBarnabas Health and is being implemented at Clubs across the state by Shop Rite Dieticians. Corporate Advisory Board member Justin Edelman, Senior Vice President, Corporate Partnerships, RWJBarnabas Health, accepted the Corporate Champion recognition.

BGCNJ spokesperson, comedian and radio personality Joe Piscopo served as the Master of Ceremonies. The program showcased the 2019 NJ Military Youth of the Year winner, Tamiya R, from the McGuire Youth Center, as well as youth performers from the Boys & Girls Club of Newark-Ironbound.

The event featured a performance by world class entertainer, Oz Pearlman, the most sought-after mentalist in the world; with clients ranging from A-List celebrities to Heads of State and Fortune 500 Companies. Oz was a finalist of America's Got Talent and has appeared on programs including NBC's Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and nearly 100 other television appearances.

BGCNJ's Fall celebration event was generously sponsored by: RWJBarnabas Health; Wakefern Food Corp.; BRAM Auto Group; Colgate-Palmolive Company; ADP; DLA Piper; Inserra Supermarkets; Nicolas Martini Foundation; NY Football Giants; PNC; PSEG; Sobel Family Foundation; Somerset Stores, Bank of America/Merrill Lynch - The SilverSmith Group; Burke, McDermott & Maher Families; Eastern Fish Company; Gold, Albanese, Barletti & Locasio; Joan Standish; Kohl's; RoNetco Supermarkets; The Fidelco Group; Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation; Columbia Bank Foundation; Greater Newark Convention Visitors Bureau; Kirsch, Gelband & Stone, PC; Nicole Gasaway; PMC Associates; and Rosica Communications.



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About Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey

Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey is an alliance of 22 Boys & Girls Club organizations serving over 70,000 youth ages 5-18 throughout the Garden State. Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey is a collaborative effort representing all Clubs with the purpose of building local Club capacity; raising public awareness; and securing resources and financial support to increase the impact and reach of local Clubs. Learn more at www.bgcnj.org