COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY’S ALL NEW BLUE JEAN BALL

The Central Railroad Terminal in Liberty State Park was the setting for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey’s All New Blue Jean Ball that was held mid-June, and was attended by many residents of Essex County. Formerly a low-key affair, the annual gala was recast this year as a sophisticated gathering that drew 465 guests. A cocktail hour featured food trucks on the Hudson. The festivities then moved indoors for dinner and an awards presentation.

1. Featured entertainer Colin Jost (Saturday Night Live); David Tepper, founder and president of Appaloosa Management in Short Hills and HELP Award honoree; Jon Bon Jovi, presenter; Carlos Rodriguez, president and CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey
2. Robert Lazarus and board member Wendy Lazarus of South Orange
3. David and Sue Wishnow of Short Hills; Michael Weinreich and Larry and Gayle Wieseneck of West Orange
4. Kathleen D’Chiara, founder of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, and Lou LaSalle, executive vice president of External Affairs at RWJ Barnabas Health in West Orange
5. Event Chairs Josh Weinreich (Chairman of the Board) and Roby Weinreich of Summit
6. Donors Douglas and Susan Present of Summit

ART IN THE GARDEN

Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit held its annual garden party and fundraiser, ART in the Garden, in June. This year, the event honored the extraordinary contributions of long-time community partners Tom Ucko and the Celgene Corporation. Ucko has been involved with the Arboretum for 15 years, when he served as secretary, assistant treasurer, and vice president, and finished out his last trustee term with a three-year stint as Board President. He currently serves as chair of the City of Summit’s zoning board.

CARON TREATMENT CENTERS ANNUAL GALA

In May, North Jersey residents and business leaders were among the attendees at the 2018 Annual New York Gala for Caron Treatment Centers, held at Cipriani, 42nd Street in Manhattan. Honorees included David Johansen of Buster Poindexter and New York Dolls fame; the rocker treated the gathered to a rare live performance. Philanthropists Elaine and Anthony Grillo were also honored. Caron is a longtime advocate for prevention, research, treatment and recovery from addiction.

Marietta Knaeuter, David Bonnar and Tracy Bonnar of Livingston
Gala Committee Chair Maxine Lang and Bernie Lang, Caron NY Regional Board Member, of Summit
Craig Moore and Mary Ann Moore of Summit