

# Community Center celebrates anniversary

The Community Center of Northern Westchester will hold its annual Benefit Cocktail Party and Auction on Saturday, Oct. 18, 6 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Matthew's Fellowship Room, 382 Cantioe St. (Route 22), Bedford.

This year's benefit theme is "Making a Difference Together." The event's honorees, Sheryl Bernhard and Laura Kaplan, former Center board presidents and longtime friends and supporters of the center, exemplify how the community, via the Community Center, makes a difference together in the lives of neighbors in need.

Rebecca Roban and Liz Gereghty of Katonah, and Jeff Goodwin and Andy Vitrone, co-owners of Willy Nick's Restaurant and Bar in Katonah, are the chairs of this year's event.

Honoree Laura Kaplan summed up her feelings about the center: "The center is a magnet for attracting good people with a common purpose: working together to sustain a welcoming, supportive environment committed to the possibilities for improving people's lives," she said in a statement. "My wish is that the center continues to be an inspiration for both clients and volunteers so we can keep making a difference together for years to come."

Sheryl Bernhard echoed Laura's sentiments. "This community is incredible in its ability to reach out to those



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**Laura Kaplan and Sheryl Bernhard, honorees at the Community Center of Northern Westchester's benefit cocktail party to be held Saturday, Oct. 18.**

in need in a variety of ways, by looking within themselves and volunteering their gifts, whether it be their time, their talent and/or their resources."

Some of the items for auction include Broadway tickets to the Tony-award-winning shows "The Book of Mormon," "A Gentlemen's Guide to Love and Murder" and "Kinky Boots." Guests can also bid on a golf outing with a former Rangers player, a private guided tour of the Frick Collection and a host of great northern Westchester restaurant experiences. This year, attendees can also take a chance on high-end raffle items like the GoPro camera, jewelry and a bicycle.

The auction catalogue will be posted online a week before the event. You can either bid in advance or in real-time during the event. To make a donation, call 232-6572, ext. 101. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the center or visit [communitycenternw.org](http://communitycenternw.org).

Since 1992, the Community Center of Northern Westchester has been dedicated to helping neighbors in need by sharing the essentials of living. With the support of 31 community partners, and the generosity and volunteer power of residents from all over northern Westchester, it offers food and clothing as well as other programs designed to ease the burden of families in need.