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Stamford (and Darien's) Men's Homeless Shelter, Pacific House, Hosts Online Fundraiser Oct 21

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When Pacific House hosts its 20^{th} Annual Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 21, it will honor five community partners that helped the organization weather the storm throughout the pandemic.

— an announcement from Pacific House

The Pacific House 2021 Community Partnership Honorees are: Sam Cingari of The Cingari Family, Grade A – ShopRite; Community Health Center Inc.; First Congregational Church of Greenwich; New Covenant Center/Catholic Charities of Fairfield County; and Robert Morris, founder and managing partner of Olympus Partners.

"The unwavering support these individuals and organizations provided throughout the past year is nothing

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short of heroic," said Rafael Pagan, Jr., executive director of Pacific House.

"The pandemic upended our day-to-day operations, causing us to mobilize quickly to protect the safety of our clients," Pagan said. "We are deeply grateful to our community partnership honorees for their generous support and assistance throughout that complex process."

Since the beginning of 2020, when the homeless clients were at critical risk of contracting Coronavirus, Pacific House worked to rapidly house more than 80 people that now have permanent housing to keep them off the streets. In all, Pacific House has 140 units of permanent, deeply affordable supportive housing.

About Pacific House

Pacific House, with shelters in Stamford and Norwalk, is the only regional shelter for homeless men and young adults Greenwich, Stamford, New Canaan, Darien. The organization, founded in the 1980s, develops affordable housing for formerly homeless individuals.

For over 35 years, Pacific House has served our community by providing food, temporary shelter, affordable housing and an array of support services to help clients get back on their feet to lead more independent and fulfilling lives.

The Event

At the Pacific House 20th Annual Celebration, which will be held virtually, the organization will share its extraordinary efforts throughout the pandemic to quickly house homeless individuals and divert others from descending into homelessness.

The evening will host a festive "live from the red carpet" experience, followed by a dynamic program that includes a silent auction and a live paddle raise, allowing participants the opportunity to name the affordable supportive housing units.

The inspiring evening begins at 6 p.m. with a pre-award celebration, and the official program begins at 7 p.m. Both will stream live on the <u>Pacific House website</u>.

Various high-profile sponsorship opportunities are still available, please contact Jennifer Broadbin at jbroadbin@pacifichouse.org for details.

"We ask the community to join in the celebration, our largest fundraiser of the year, to learn about the steps we've taken throughout the pandemic to quickly house those who are experiencing homelessness and to prevent others from facing that difficulty," said Pagan.

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