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The 450 Project Reaching Veterans and Individuals with Mental Health Recovery

Community Hope announces **The 450 Project** – a new multi-year campaign. Our first year goal is to raise over \$1.2 million in private contributions from July 2011 to June 2012. This campaign is critical to further Community Hope's mission by allowing us to expand from serving 300 to 450 individuals a day.

- The Campaign will officially kick off at the Sparkle of Hope Annual Gala on October 27th
- Donors who support this new campaign will receive exclusive acknowledgements and special benefits throughout the year
- A successful campaign will ensure that we are able to sustain our existing programs and reach more individuals in dire need.

To support the campaign by making a personal gift or serving as a fundraising volunteer, contact Julia Bey Ahmet in the Development Office 973-463-9600 extension 303 or email jahmet@communityhope-nj.org



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Community Hope Launches Two New Programs for Veterans and Their Families

VETS Program in Newark Houses Homeless Veterans

A much-needed safe haven for veterans living on the streets and in overcrowded shelters, Community Hope opened the Veterans Early Transition Services (VETS) Program in Newark, New Jersey in July. The 12-bed housing program provides 24-hour support to homeless veterans.

Community Hope projects that the new VETS Program will help about 170 veterans in the next five years. With military veterans being twice as likely to experience homelessness, staff expect to serve veterans who saw combat in Iraq and Afghanistan and are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as well as older veterans who have been chronically homeless.

Our charity is in the midst of a \$100,000 fundraising campaign to support development of the program. Community Hope will sustain VETS with a grant secured from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

New Program To House Veteran Families, Help Veterans Avoid Foreclosure

Several weeks after opening the VETS Program, U.S. Senators Frank R. Lautenberg ((D-NJ) and Robert Menendez (D-NJ) announced that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs awarded \$1 million to Community Hope to assist homeless veterans through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program. SSVF is a new federal program that awards grants to provide assistance to very low-income veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. The grant is expected to assist about 140 veteran families a year.

Community Hope and our partners are in the process of preparing to launch the new program this Fall for veteran families in the New Jersey counties of Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex and Warren.



Community Hope Prepares For Its Annual Signature Event

Community Hope's largest fundraising event, the Sparkle of Hope Annual Dinner Auction, will be held on Thursday, October 27th at The Birchwood Manor in Whippany, NJ.



David Norton
COMPANY GROUP CHAIRMAN
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The gala was founded in 1997 by Fred Hassan, then-CEO of the Pharmacia Corporation and presently Chairman of Bausch + Lomb and Partner at Warburg Pincus, to reach more individuals with mental illness in need of residential recovery services. With support from the Sparkle of Hope event, Community Hope has expanded from serving 50 to over 300 individuals a day.

Special Tribute to Long-Time Chair David Norton

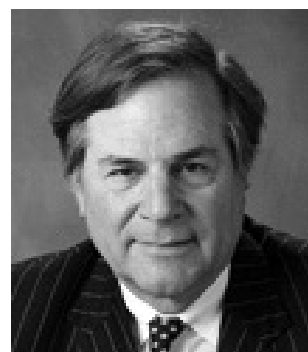
This year's event will pay special tribute to David Norton, recently retired as Company Group Chairman of Global Pharmaceuticals after a 32-year career with Johnson & Johnson. Community Hope recognized Mr. Norton as the Sparkle of Hope Honoree in 2001. His dedication to improving the lives of individuals in recovery from mental illness has subsequently extended to serving as Honorary Chair of the 2002 benefit and Event Co-Chair since 2003.



Lonnel Coats
PRESIDENT AND CEO
EISAI INC.

Gala to Honor Pharmaceutical Leader Lonnel Coats

Lonnel Coats, President and CEO of Eisai, will receive the Sparkle of Hope Award for his contributions and the Corporation's commitment to advancing CNS breakthroughs. In his current roles as president and CEO of Eisai Inc. and president of Eisai Corporation of North America, which he assumed in 2010, Mr. Coats is responsible for the strategic direction of the U.S. business. In addition, he serves as a senior vice president and corporate officer of Eisai's parent company in Japan, Eisai Co., Ltd, where he leads Eisai's Global Medical and Marketing division.



William S. Greenberg, Esq.
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William Greenberg to Receive Heroism Award

For his outstanding service to our service men and women, we are proud to honor William S. Greenberg, a Partner of McCarter & English, LLP. A retired Brigadier General, he was appointed on the recommendation of The White House and with the approval of the Secretary of Defense to serve as the current Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. In 2009 he received the highest honor granted by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, its medal of honor for his work in establishing the military legal assistance program, and especially in his public service representation of soldiers at Walter Reed.

We gratefully acknowledge the Event Sponsors recognized on the Events page of our website at <http://www.communityhope-nj.org>
Visit our website to purchase tables or tickets online.



Community Hope's
Annual Dinner Auction
October 27, 2011

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Community Hope Receives National and Statewide Recognition

Community Hope recently received two prestigious awards, citing our charity's innovative program for homeless veterans and recognizing the agency's outstanding work.

U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki presented Community Hope with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service to Homeless Veterans at the National Forum on Homelessness Among Veterans in Washington, D.C. The award recognized our Hope for Veterans Transitional Housing Program from among 500 VA Grant and Per Diem programs serving homeless veterans nationwide.



(Left) J. Michael Armstrong, CEO of Community Hope, Inc., accepts the Outstanding Agency Award from Krystal Odell, Supportive Housing Association Board Chair and Robert Gauthier, Conference Awards Committee Chair.

Community Hope also received the Outstanding Agency Award at the 2010 Annual Supportive Housing Conference in Edison, New Jersey.

The award was presented by the Corporation for Supportive Housing of New Jersey and the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey and reflects excellence in providing housing plus services for homeless and disabled individuals.

It is Community Hope's second consecutive outstanding agency award. In 2009, the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies recognized Community Hope with its Outstanding Provider Award.

The U.S. VA Secretary's Award recognized our Hope for Veterans Transitional Housing Program from among 500 other programs serving homeless veterans nationwide.

FLAG DAY Run Raises \$36,000 for Homeless Veterans

The rescheduled 10th Annual Flag Day 5K and 1 Mile Walk took place Saturday, September 24th hosted by the Somerset Hills YMCA, Basking Ridge NJ. More than 200 runners and walkers registered for this year's Flag Day 5K, which marked the 9th year that the YMCA has donated all of the event proceeds to benefit homeless veterans. The event raised \$36,000 for our Hope for Veterans Transitional Housing Program®.



Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen (l) with Sue Diebold, Senior Sports and Wellness Director of the Somerset Hills YMCA, and Brian Gallagher, Director of Public Affairs at DRS Technologies.



Brian Gallagher (l), Director of Public Affairs at DRS Technologies with J. Michael Armstrong, CEO of Community Hope, Inc.

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