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Bedford Hills Residents Terry and Jerry Feldman Honored

Westchester County, NY (July 8, 2011) – Music Conservatory of Westchester's (MCW) Tenth Annual Golf Classic and Awards Dinner was held on Monday, June 27, 2011 at the Whippoorwill Club in Armonk, N.Y. Sixty-two golfers and seventy-four dinner guests helped raise \$95,350 – over \$15,000 more than last year's event - for the Conservatory's scholarships and tuition assistance programs.

Following a sunny day of great golf, Terry and Jerry Feldman of Bedford Hills were honored for their outstanding service and dedication to the school. MCW Trustee Nancy Goodman and Executive Director Carol Shiffman respectively presented Terry with an MCW silver heart and Jerry with an honorary trophy. Both voiced their thanks for the many ways their commitment has been valued by MCW. The Feldmans are avid supporters of the Conservatory programs and have been invaluable advocates in the school's fundraising efforts for over a decade. Terry joined the Board in 1998 and currently serves as Secretary. She is also a member of the Golf & Tennis committee.

Some of the proceeds from this year's event will be matched by a generous grant from The Ernst C. Stiefel Foundation for need-based scholarship support. As a non-profit, the Conservatory must raise over \$700,000 annually to support programs and operations which are not covered by tuition alone, including financial assistance for the school's low-income families. The Golf Classic is the Conservatory's largest fundraising event.

"It was a terrific event and I'm still smiling about it. It was an incredible honor to be recognized by such an outstanding institution," Terry Feldman said. "Jerry and I have enjoyed our association with the Conservatory for more than 15 years and every year, it gets better as they add more programs, events, and faculty. Their musicians, instructors, and music therapists are top notch. I thank the Conservatory for being there for the entire Tri-state area and encourage everyone, no matter what age, to become more acquainted with this fine school."

This year's event gained major sponsorship support from: Entergy; The Rockefeller Group; Lasberg Construction Associates; Clarfeld Financial Advisors, Inc.; Stern Keiser & Panken, LLC; Greenfield Stein & Senior, LLC; GSE Systems, Inc; and Grand Prix New York. Committee members include Rodd Berro, Patty Bottomley, Lisa Deutsch, George Drapeau, Terry Feldman, Lee Lasberg, Laurence Keiser, Fatima Mendez, Jon Chattman, Chris Meyer, and Carol Shiffman.

First Place in the Golf Classic went to a team led by Andrew Castellano of Sharconhold.com and WFAS. His team consisted of Jared Haines and Louis Borrelli. The Lasberg Construction Associates, Inc. team of Lee Lasberg, John Lennon, James McCormack and Jim Ryan placed second.

"Funds raised at the Conservatory's annual Golf Classic allow our students to explore their passion for the performing arts regardless of their financial means," said Carol Shiffman, Executive Director of the Music Conservatory of Westchester. "This year's event was a perfect way to celebrate our community, and Terry and Jerry Feldman, who have made such a difference for so many. Great weather, great venue, great golfers, great event!"

The Music Conservatory of Westchester is located at 216 Central Avenue in White Plains, NY. They can be reached at (914) 761-3900 or by visiting www.musicconservatoryonline.org. Follow the Conservatory on Facebook (Westchester MusicConservatory) and Twitter (@MusicCW), or check their new blog (www.musicconservatoryblog.org) for the latest news and updates.

About the Music Conservatory of Westchester

The Music Conservatory of Westchester (www.musicconservatoryonline.org) is a non-profit community school of the arts, providing outstanding music, music therapy, and musical theatre programs for people of all ages and abilities (summer registration open now). The Conservatory's 36,000-square-foot facility in White Plains offers a Recital Hall and 43 acoustically designed classrooms and teaching studios. Their comprehensive programs include performing ensembles, musicianship classes, music therapy, student performances, master classes, workshops, and more. All students receive free admission to the Conservatory's annual "Live on Central" concert series of faculty recitals and children's concerts. This year, the Conservatory awarded \$100,000 in scholarship support and tuition assistance to more than 100 of its students. The Conservatory is chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, and is one of only 19 non-degree granting institutions in the country to be fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

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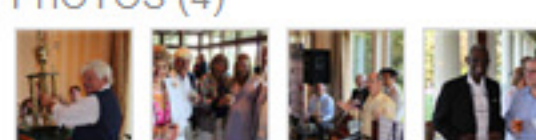
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