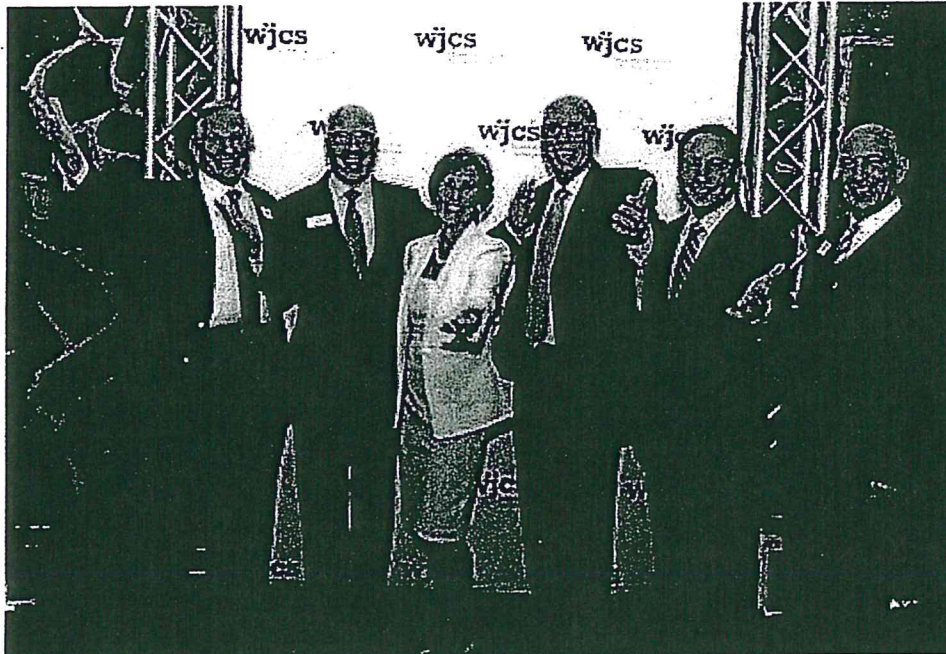


WJCS Annual Gala Attracts 300 Supporters; Honors Members Bruce Freyer, Froma Benerofe

The WJCS 2017 Gala with 300 attendees honored Board Members Bruce Freyer from Scarsdale and Froma Benerofe from Purchase for their long-standing support of the agency and the Westchester community. The event was held at the Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase in April.

Froma Benerofe has a decades-long relationship with WJCS. She joined the WJCS Treatment Center for Trauma and Abuse as a clinician in 1998. As a member of the WJCS Board of Directors since 1983 and as past President, Benerofe has been a force in ensuring that innovative and essential programs are accessible to all Westchester residents. She has served on almost every board committee and contributed to the agency's foundation and everyday work as an advisor to staff in mental health and early childhood and to the Jewish community.

Benerofe is known as a pillar of the Westchester and New York communities for her dedication to the human services,



Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, second right, presented proclamations to WJCS Gala Honorees Froma Benerofe, center, and Bruce Freyer, left. With him from second left are: WJCS President Neil Sandler, CEO Alan Trager and COO Bernie Kimberg.

for the philanthropy to which she and her husband Andrew have committed themselves, and as an active supporter of the

visual and performing arts and an advocate for Holocaust education and human rights. She is a graduate of Vassar College,

holds an MSW from Columbia University's School of Social Work and is currently a clinician in private practice.

Dedicated to the so-welfare of his local community, Bruce Freyer became involved with WJCS in 1997. He has chaired several committees and given generous donation time and talent to staff events. He's also been a thought-leader for strategic initiatives and has advocated for children's County budget hearings.

Freyer is known for his commitment to making the world a better place for all people. This passion has been extended near and far - from his service to other local non-profits overseas. He and his wife Deborah founded the Global Partners for Afghanistan, a non-profit devoted to working with rural Afghans to create viable and sustainable farm businesses that alleviate poverty, build sustainable livelihoods and promote economic development.

Freyer had a distinguished career as a pulpit Rabbi, military chaplain in Vietnam and Chaplain at Manhattanville College. His military service earned him the Army Commendation