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### ***Nazareth Housing's Annual Benefit Raises \$227,000***

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More than 200 guests attended the **Nazareth Housing Annual Benefit** on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at the Harvard Club in New York City. The event raised over **\$227,000** to support the mission of Nazareth Housing to prevent and end homelessness.

Michael J. Callaghan c.o., Executive Director, presented the awards and praised the honorees for their dedication to helping families and communities achieve a better quality of life. Gordon J. Campbell, President and CEO of the United Way of New York City received the 2011 Community Services Award for his creativity and vision in forging collaborations among the nonprofit, private and public sectors. In his remarks, Mr. Campbell called Nazareth Housing "a hidden gem" in the New York City nonprofit sector.

Honorees included the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton and housing developers Omni New York. Accepting for Debevoise and Plimpton were John Kiernan, Partner, and Ellen Breitner, Director of Operations, who were commended for the firm's ongoing commitment to providing pro bono legal services, material support and holiday gifts for homeless children. Accepting on behalf of Omni New York was former baseball star Maurice "Mo" Vaughn and Gene Schneur, co-founders. Mr. Callaghan applauded Omni New York for their success in revitalizing communities by building safe, secure and affordable housing where it is most needed.

Through the organization's programs, which include emergency family shelter, permanent supportive housing, homelessness prevention, self-sufficiency education and youth programming, Nazareth Housing has improved the lives of tens of thousands of New Yorkers since its founding in 1983.

#### **About Nazareth Housing:**

Nazareth Housing is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization with a long and proud history of innovation and advocacy. Nazareth Housing was founded in 1983 as a pioneer in the development of scattered-site emergency family shelter for homeless families. NH operates in the Lower East Side with 13 units of housing for up to 64 children and adults, and in Harlem with 66 units that can accommodate 230 family members. NH has been one of the top performing family shelters among the NYC Department of Homeless Services shelter providers for the past six years and has served over 10,500 unduplicated households since 2006.

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