



Contractors For Kids (CFK) raises \$400,000 at 9th annual reception; Attended by actors, athletes, TV personalities, fashion stars and industry professionals

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Hollywood, television, sports, news, and fashion celebrities joined 1,000 Long Island and greater New York area real estate, finance, construction, and architecture professionals to raise funds for Contractors For Kids (CFK), one of the the largest building industry-supported, children-focused charities in the northeast.

CFK co-founder Kevin Harney of Stalco Construction said, "Tonight's reception raised \$400,000, making it the most successful event in CFK's nine-year history. We are grateful to all of those who joined us in recognizing the needs of families that face financial and emotional hardships due to a child's illness."

This year's "Athletes & Actors - The Main Event" dinner-dance reception attracted numerous celebrities, who came out in force to support the organization. The guests included the following A-listers:

* Actors: Vanessa Marcil (actress, General Hospital, Beverly Hills 90210, The Rock, Las Vegas); Tyler Christopher (actor, General Hospital); Scott Reeves (singer/songwriter, actor, General Hospital, The Young & the Restless); and Carmine Cangialosi (actor and writer, The Beach House, Friends 'Till The End, Rescue Me, Blue Bloods, Guiding Light).

* TV personality: Brian Kilmeade (co-host of Fox & Friends and author of George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution).

* Athletes: Sean Landeta (New York Giants punter, 1980s and 1990s NFL All-Decade Teams); Marty Lyons (New York Jets defensive tackle, College Football Hall of Fame); Bud Harrelson (New York Mets shortstop, MLB 2x All-Star, 2x World Series Championships); Anthony Sherman (Kansas City Chiefs fullback); Jace Angus (saddle bronc rodeo rider, winner of Texas Circuit, CNFR, and West Coast NIRA); Bret Saberhagen (Boston Red Sox pitcher, 3x MLB All-Star, 2x Cy Young Award); Jesse Barfield (New York Yankees right fielder, MLB All-Star, 2x Golden Glove Award); Tommy John (New York Yankees pitcher, 4x MLB All-Star, 288 career wins); and Dwight Gooden (New York Yankees, New York Mets pitcher, 4x MLB All-Star, Cy Young Award Winner, 3x World Series Championships).

* Fashion: AnaTracey Hawkins (international fashion model, host of Fashion TV, CFK volunteer, and VP of marketing at Stalco Construction).

The reception took place at the Atlantis Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center. The festivities begun with a BBQ and chili tailgate party in front of the Aquarium, followed by a private meet-and-greet session with celebrities and the main reception. The event included photo opportunities with celebrities, a casino with 20 game tables, a dance floor, and other games.

The following firms sponsored the event: Stalco Construction, Suffolk County National Bank, Sigma

Aerospace Metals, DeMartino Construction, Diversified Construction, Vehicle Tracking Solutions, Win Win Solutions, Rothco, ALAC, Giaquinto Masonry, JPR Mechanical, and many other regional companies. Event planner and CFK member and supporter, The Eventide Group, organized the fundraiser.

Founded in 2005 by Harney and Alan Nahmias, all-volunteer CFK has attracted enthusiastic support from over 350 real estate firms, financial companies, builders, architects, engineers, and other businesses. To date, CFK has raised \$4.5 million and assisted nearly 450 families. CFK's Kids 4 Kids youth volunteer chapter has raised more than \$100,000 since 2013.

The non-profit serves as a financial lifeline of last resort after families have exhausted all other resources. It also has a goal of giving parents an opportunity to provide all available medical assistance to their children, regardless of the parents' financial circumstances or the child's long-term prognosis.

According to Harney, the organization offers help extending beyond payment of medical bills. "We reimburse travel costs related to cutting-edge treatments unavailable locally and provide aid to families unable to submit mortgage or utility payments due to healthcare-related expenses. We also assist parents faced with the heartbreaking task of making funeral arrangements for their children," he said.

The stories of families who turn to CFK for assistance vary as much as illnesses suffered by their children.

CFK recently assisted the mother of Michael Hubbard, a teenage boy from Riverhead. Michael suffered extensive burns and a cardiac arrest due to a gel candle explosion. The accident caused widespread injuries, a permanent disability, and a prolonged rehabilitation. The boy's mother sold most of her belongings and lived at a hospital taking care of her son for more than a year. CFK assisted the family with payments for food, cell phone bills, and medical and personal care supplies. Earlier this year, CFK helped a low-income family by covering all funeral expenses following a sudden death of their five-year-old daughter. In another case this year, CFK has been providing travel expense reimbursements to parents of a four-year-old boy who suffers from up to 100 seizures every day due to a neurological disorder. The family frequently travels to Boston Children's Hospital for treatments.

CFK also assisted a family of a 13-year-old boy suffering from multiple medical conditions, including a seizure disorder, mitochondrial disease, and a tumor behind an eye. After the boy's mother quit her job to care for him, the father's income became insufficient to cover all of the on-going living expenses. CFK helped the family avert bankruptcy and loss of their home by paying a mortgage installment as well as utility bills.

In another recent case, the organization helped a family of a ten-year-old boy suffering from neuroblastoma, a malignant brain tumor. Local hospitals were unable to help the little patient, however, a clinic in Texas offered to perform an experimental treatment. CFK provided funds that helped the family travel to Texas and pay for medical procedures. The treatment reduced the size of the boy's tumor.

CFK also assisted a single mother of a five-year old boy awaiting a heart transplant. The mother and her child, who had already undergone three open-heart surgeries, spent many hours on a public bus commuting more than 30 miles twice a week to the Stony Brook University Medical Center for medical procedures. CFK purchased a car for the young mother. The following year, after the property in which the family rented an apartment had been foreclosed, CFK associates raised

monies sufficient for two years of rent in a new apartment.

To support CFK and learn about the organization's activities and upcoming events, please visit www.contractorsforkids.org or call 1-888-208-KIDS.

Large Group Photo: Show in the bottom row (from left) are: Kevin Harney, CFK co-founder and principal of Stalco Construction; Emily Reeves singer and songwriter; Chris Maffia CFK advisory board member and Three Village School District teacher; Allison Jean Ray CFK advisory board member and senior mortgage purchase processor at JPMorgan Chase; and Deborah O'Rourke, CFK volunteer and president of The Eventide Group.

Shown in the second row, standing, (from left) are: Scott Reeves, singer/songwriter, actor, General Hospital, The Young & the Restless; Tyler Christopher, actor, General Hospital; Jen Bartels of Nationwide Restoration, CFK volunteer; Andrea Allen of Impact Environmental, CFK advisory board Member; Sheila Graziosi, CFK advisory board member and office manager at Natalie Weinstein Design; Robert Pospischil, CFK board member and CFO of Bissett Nursery and Atlantis Marine World; Louis Castronova of Daniel Romualdez Architects; Joseph Coonan, CFK board member and Sigma Aerospace Metals VP; Joseph Ferreira, CFK treasurer and board member, partner at AVZ; Maria Salvo of Omni Risk Management, CFK board member; Carole Tate CFK secretary and board member, president of Sigma Aerospace Metals; Louis Spina, CFK advisory board member, senior vice president at USI Insurance Services; Steven Uzzi of Stalco Construction, CFK advisory board member; Jeff Weiner CFK board member and president of HKM Associates; Vanessa Marcil actress, General Hospital, Beverly Hills 90210, The Rock, Las Vegas; Sean Landeta, New York Giants punter, 1980s and 1990s NFL All-Decade Teams; John Vigliante, CFK advisory board member and Manager of Branch Funeral Homes; Carmine Canglioni, actor and writer, The Beach House, Friends 'Till The End, Rescue Me, Blue Bloods, Guiding Light.

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