



## **11-13-2014: Project Morry to recognize and honor achievements of outstanding honorees at 18th Annual Autumn Elegance Gala**

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On November 13, 2014, Project Morry, a nationally recognized youth development organization, will host its 18th Annual Autumn Elegance Gala at the stunning Three Sixty° venue in New York City. This year, the gala will celebrate and honor the legacy of two outstanding honorees who have made a tremendous impact to help improve the lives of at-risk youth. Timothy P. O'Hara, managing director of Credit Suisse and Head of the firm's investment banking division, is the recipient of the Morry Award, the organization's highest achievement award. O'Hara will receive this award for his unwavering commitment to help underserved youth strive for and realize their dreams. Michael J. Sicilian, President and Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. (MHA) will receive the Corporate Social Responsibility Award during the awards presentation for their long-standing support of Project Morry's work.

"We are thrilled to honor Tim O'Hara and Mike Sicilian this year. Through their dedicated volunteer service, and commitment to our vision and mission to help at-risk youth," said Dawn Ewing, Project Morry executive director, "our 2014 honorees represent the kind of stellar leadership youth need today to help them thrive and excel."

Douglas Present, president of Project Morry's board of directors said, " This year's sold-out event is already Project Morry's most successful event in our history. It will be a great opportunity to thank and recognize two outstanding honorees. On November 13th we will be celebrating another outstanding year for our organization and thanking all of our supporters, including Credit Suisse and MHA, for their tremendous generosity. It is because of this widespread support that we are able to continue the important work we do in helping over 400 extremely deserving young people become the very best they are capable of becoming."

The awards ceremony will feature remarks from O'Hara and Sicilian as well as an inspiring testimonial speech by an accomplished alumnus of the Project Morry program. Other highlights of the evening's festivities will include an elongated cocktail reception, strolling dinner featuring numerous tasting stations prepared by renowned chefs, and a silent and live auction followed by a robust program about Project Morry.

Gala Co-Chairs for this year's event are Emily and Tony Stein.

Sponsors of this Event:

A partial list of the 2014 sponsors of the 18th Annual Autumn Elegance Gala include: The Dougan Family Charitable Fund, John & Amy Griffin Foundation Inc., Dara & Tim O'Hara, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Mindy & Jay Jacobs, Emily & Tony Stein, Michael J. Swenson/Goldman Sachs, and Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. (MHA). Other generous supporters include: Meg & Bennett Goodman Family Foundation, Liz Kaplow & Evan Jacobs, Lisle & Scott Whitworth, AM Skier,

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Special recognition and thank you to the employees of Credit Suisse (CS) for the outstanding support Project Morry has received for this event. Also, a special thank you to the 1990 alumni of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania for contributing to the success of this gala.

Due to an overwhelming response, tables/tickets are not available. Donations made be made, however, at the Project Morry website at [www.projectmorry.org](http://www.projectmorry.org) or by check.

#### About Project Morry

For nearly two decades, Project Morry has provided at-risk, underserved youth, ages 9-18, with opportunities to expand their horizons, learn new skills, and achieve their dreams. Established in 1995 in honor of Morry Stein, a national leader in the camping field and owner and director of Camp Echo Lake in Warrensburg, NY, Project Morry is today a nationally recognized organization that empowers youth from at-risk, economically challenged communities to envision a positive future. Project Morry's award winning program has gained national recognition in the youth development field.

Anchored by a superb character-building summer residential camp, one-on-one mentoring and emotional

support, Project Morry arms youth in the program with the skills and confidence with which to pursue their vision and achieve their life-long goals. This year-round award-winning program includes a sequenced, age appropriate curriculum that provides a seamless flow of learning and growth across a progressive nine-year time frame. Annually, over 400 children from six communities in Westchester, Bronx and Manhattan, Amityville, NY and Bridgeport, Connecticut participate in the program at no charge to the youth or their families.

The Project Morry experience is life transformative and has had a tremendous impact on the youth who participate. In schools and communities where fewer than 50% of incoming ninth graders graduate from high school, 100% of the young people enrolled in Project Morry's program have graduated from high school and have gone on to pursue higher education, military service or join the workforce as responsible citizens.

Funds raised through this event will support the organization's mission and work. To learn more about Project Morry's work or make a donation or pledge, please visit our website at [www.projectmorry.org](http://www.projectmorry.org), or call the development office at 914.592-3055, ext. 103.

#### TIM O'HARA

##### Morry Award

Timothy P. O'Hara is a Managing Director and a member of the Executive Board of Credit Suisse. Mr. O'Hara is Head of the Investment Banking Division and also serves as the President and CEO of Credit Suisse USA. Additionally, Mr. O'Hara is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) and is

active in several charitable and philanthropic activities. Mr. O'Hara is a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Virginia College Foundation, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Credit Suisse Americas Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of Project Morry.

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