

CGE's Hope Lives Here Gala Celebrates Community Partnerships!

Held at the [Hyatt Regency New Brunswick](#) on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Scott Clark, Emmy Award-Winning Former ABC News Anchor, Will Host the Evening

Honoring Humanitarians of the Year, the 55th Governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie and his wife, Mary Pat Christie; Outstanding Service Awards, Jim Curry and Carl Panzera; and Volunteers of the Year, Helen and Michael Schuler.

After too long apart, [The Center for Great Expectations](#), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, will celebrate its 23rd anniversary and many community partnerships with a special, in-person Gala. In 1998, CGE served 12 women per year. The Gala celebrates the journey from humble beginnings to the present, serving over 600 women, adolescents, men and children annually. The Center is recognized as a leader in the field of treatment with seven programs uniquely positioned to make a continued impact in the lives of so many and at the community level. Our [Trauma C.A.R.E.](#)® model addresses what is at the core of clients' experiences to create an evidence-based path forward.



"[The Hope Lives Here Gala](#) will be our opportunity to celebrate community partners where #peoplehealpeople every day. We could not do what we do without the wonderful individuals who have made the past 23 years possible," says Peg Wright, Founder, President & CEO.

Governor Chris and Mary Pat Christie have been stalwart supporters of CGE's mission for many years and given our Humanitarians of the Year award. Governor Christie made substance use disorders a centerpiece of his administration, tackling the opioid crisis gripping New Jersey. Together with his wife, Mary Pat, the Christies reduced the stigma around addiction. The couple have visited CGE's residential treatment programs many times—and the Governor spoke from the heart to our women about his respect for them and support of their decision to choose recovery for themselves and their children. Mary Pat Christie's vast experience in the healthcare sector and championing of the health and wellbeing of all New Jerseyans, includes supporting the work of CGE to help individuals find a path forward in recovery.

Service awards will be given to James Curry and to Carl Panzera for their ongoing compassion and kindness in support of the mission. Helen and Michael Schuler have given their time to the lives of so many over 20 years and will be given the Volunteers of the Year award.

Join us October 1! [View](#) sponsorship opportunities and purchase tickets to this black-tie optional celebration and fundraiser, at the [Hyatt New Brunswick](#), which includes a cocktail hour, gourmet dining and dancing with New Jersey's premiere event band, The Infernos. Questions? Contact Veronica Finlay at vfinlay@cge-nj.org, or (732) 247-7003 ext. 336 or visit [our event page](#).

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