



TWO RIVER PEOPLE

by Lynne Ward

LUNCH BREAK GALA 2022: RENEW THE PROMISE OF HOPE



Members of the Lunch Break board of trustees with board president **Juanita Lewis** (seated, far right) came together for this group photo.

The Fall Gala to benefit Lunch Break of Red Bank was held Oct. 14 at Park Loft in Oceanport with 350 guests in attendance. Lunch Break freely supplies food, clothing, life skills and fellowship to those in need in Monmouth County and beyond. The fall harvest themed “Renew the Promise of Hope Gala” was hosted by actress/ filmmaker Siobhan Fallon Hogan and honorees included: **Bonnie Johnson** and **Dr. Thomas Johnson**, recipients of the Heart to Hand Award; **Chris** and **Paul Sansone Jr.**, of Sansone Jr’s 66 Automall, recipients of the Corporate Platinum Partner Award; **Jeremy Grunin**, president of The Grunin Foundation, recipient of 2022 Norma Todd Service Award, pictured with his wife **Sabrina**; and **Jamie Giovinazzo**, founder of Eat Clean Bro, recipient of the Corporate Platinum Partner Award, pictured with his wife **Kayla**.



Board member **Jessica Stepanski**, director of administration **Millie Jeter**, board president **Juanita Lewis**, and board members **Rebecca Reilly** and **Dr. Carol Penn** supported the event.

Debbie Bagnell, gala host **Siobhan Fallon Hogan**, executive director **Gwen Love**, gala co-chairs **Tina Pflaster** and **Mimi Keenan**, and **Jill Gwydir Govel**, Lunch Break director of development.



Standing: honoree **Jeremy Grunin** and executive director **Gwen Love**. Seated: committee member **Karen Rafiqi**, **Siobhan Fallon Hogan** and board member **Tracey Stewart**.



Honorees **Tom** and **Bonnie Johnson** (seated, left) with their proud family.



Ed and board member “**B**” **Carr Mahon** with **Millie Jeter**, **Siobhan** and **Peter Hogan** and **Jill Gwydir Govel**.



Event supporters **Juan** and **Marta Gutierrez**, advisory board member **Carol Stillwell**, **Mary Ann Larkin**, past gala honoree **Mary Burke** and **Tom Hayes**.



Kayla and honoree **Jamie Giovinazzo** flank **Jenn Forsyth**.



Jen Dunn from the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County; **Heather Barberi**, executive director of the Grunin Foundation; **Pam Hearn**, also of the YMCA; and **Lysa Israel** of the Count Basie Center for the Arts.

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