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**Queens Centers for Progress Gala a Grand Celebration of Summer and
Gratitude**

Event Raises \$93,000 for QCP's Programs and Services

JAMAICA, NEW YORK, JUNE 28, 2018 — More than 250 guests gathered at Terrace on the Park in Corona, Queens for Queens Centers for Progress' (QCP's) Annual Gala. The festive event, held on June 27th raised over \$90,000, benefitting the nonprofit agency's programs and services for developmentally disabled individuals.

Spirits were high at the lively reception, as guests enjoyed the sounds of The Rockinghams, and a performance from ballroom dancers from Destination Dance Studios in Bayside. The program was opened by piper Andy McEvoy of the NYPD Pipe Band with his rendition of God Bless America. Longtime QCP supporters were recognized for their continued commitment to give back to the community while helping the agency meet its mission of exemplary care. This year's honorees were **Gary Lombardo**, Partner at Grand Insurance Agency, named QCP's 2018 Entrepreneur of the Year; **Micheal Nicholson**, VP of Construction at concept **csi**, recipient of the agency's 2018 Business Man of the Year Award; and **Franz Gritsch**, Treasurer of Rosenthal, Inc., who was presented with QCP's 2018 Man of the Year Award.

Proceeds from the gala will be instrumental in helping the agency provide enriching programs and experiences that further enhances the lives of the 1,200 individuals QCP serves on a daily basis.

"Our Annual Gala is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to our friends, donors and community partners who help make this important work possible," said Terri Ross, Executive Director, QCP. "With a shared mission of giving back to individuals in need, we hope to impact the lives of more New Yorkers for many more years to come."

For more information on contributing to QCP, contact Wendy B. Phaff, Director of Development, at 718-380-3000, ext. 325.

About Queens Centers for Progress

Queens Centers for Progress (QCP) supports children and adults in Queens County living with Cerebral Palsy and other developmental disabilities. QCP maximizes the range and quality of independent life choices available to individuals and their families. Visit queenscp.org for more information.