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## Creating Homes for Those Who've Kept Our Homes Safe

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We have come to an exciting crossroads at Home Quest, Inc. We are now the proud owners of 6.87 acres of land on Route 9 in Tuckerton, New Jersey, which is soon to be the site of (24) units of housing for homeless veterans. It is thanks to the hard work of the Home Quest work group that we are able to celebrate this milestone.

Home Quest, Inc., was created to fill a desperate need for housing for veterans in New Jersey. Every day there are approximately 6,500 homeless veterans in this state, and currently, approximately 150 beds are available through temporary housing facilities for those veterans. This situation needs to be changed. These men and women, who put their lives on the line to keep our homes safe, have no homes for themselves. This is the reason for Home Quest. Our goal, over the next five years, is to build at least (152) units of housing, including developments such as Tucker's Walk, our Tuckerton project (pictured below), apartments, and single-family homes.

Our work is far from over. In fact, it has only just begun. Now that we own this property, we must work hard to create homes for our veterans, and have those homes ready by this time next year. We are working to create housing that is comfortable and safe, and environmentally friendly. This will take hard work and effort on the part of every person involved. The more people involved, the easier it will seem to be able to achieve our goal of opening Tucker's Walk so that our veterans can be honored with their own homes before Veteran's Day 2009.

Visit [www.CQInc.org](http://www.CQInc.org) to receive updates on the Tucker's Walk project. See how you can "Make A Difference" in creating homes for those who have kept our homes safe.

We recently observed Memorial Day, a day to honor our fallen soldiers, sailors, and airmen. The day is in place not only to honor our fallen, but also to remember those still with us, those who have served, those who are serving, and those putting themselves in danger all around the world—for us. They do this for our freedoms, for our ways of life, and for our homes. It is time for us to show them how much we appreciate their service, by ensuring that they have those same freedoms they have fought for, and, most importantly, a home they can call their own.

Home Quest Board Chair

Thomas Messina

Home Quest Secretary

Kellie Spawton

**"Volunteer opportunities available."**





## A ROMAN NIGHT OF THANKS!

The 5th annual Laureate Awards Dinner on February 7<sup>th</sup> at The Ram's Head Inn was well attended with 120 guests to congratulate this year's honoree's. Special Guest Speaker, Pete Dougherty, Director of Homeless Veterans Programs, Washington D.C. graciously spoke on behalf of serviceman and women who generously put their lives on the line for the freedom of others.

Richard W. West of Able West, Inc. was honored for his active participation in advocating programs, events, and educational resources for persons with physical disabilities. He currently serves as Board Chair of New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, Inc. Richard founded and organizes many annual events in Southern Ocean County including the Richard West 5 Mile Wheelchair Race for athletes and electric wheelchairs and an Able West Fishing Boat Trip. For information on Able West, Inc. events call (609) 296-1043 or e-mail [rwest72@comcast.net](mailto:rwest72@comcast.net).

Thomas Messina was honored for his community volunteerism efforts. Over the years, Tom has devoted his time and talents to help many local charities successfully raise funds through his expertise in golf tournament planning. Community Quest, Inc. is very grateful to Tom for stepping up to the plate this year as our Planning Board Chair for Home Quest, Inc.

The Roman Family of Ventnor received the Salute to Family Award. Consumer Matt and his family share a unique bond by always helping Matthew reach a level of independence and recognizing the importance of his employment in the community. Matthew's spirit is contagious to everyone he meets. He finds special comfort through the support of his family, friends, and Career Quest Employment Consultant, Alan Cassett. Alan paid tribute to Matthew by performing a special song he composed, "You're a Hero to Me."

The evening closed with Cape Bank's Ocean City Branch Manger Kellie Spawton, accepting an unexpected Service Appreciation Award. Kellie gives generously of her time and talents to many organizations that hold special meaning to her. Kellie has always been on board with Community Quest, Inc. by helping plan and raise funds with our annual events, as well as serving on our new Home Quest, Inc. Planning Board.

We are especially thankful to our Roman Banquet Sponsor – Print Art and Photography Sponsor - MOTOpportunities & MOTOpportunities of Northfield for their generous time and talents partnering with us on this event over the past five years.

Other major sponsors included: Harrah's AC Operations, Allstate Financial Services – Kelly Agency, Cape Savings Bank, Fitzpatrick, Bongiovanni & Kelly, P.C., Borgata Heart & Soul Foundation, Gold Foundation and Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.

Special thanks to Roman Décor Sponsors Gerad's Florist & Wild Birdz for the Roman ambiance.

To view photos of the 2008 Laureate Dinner Event, visit [www.CQInc.org](http://www.CQInc.org)



(L) **Special Guest Speaker - Pete Dougherty** Director, Homeless Veteran's Programs – Washington D. C. speaks on behalf of Veteran's programs and initiatives.



(Above) Thomas Messina **Community Volunteer Award** Tom accepts his award on behalf of serving on the Good Neighbor Golf Committee for (10) consecutive years and currently serves as Board Chair of **HomeQuest, Inc.**



(Above) Richard W. West of Able West, Inc. **Lifetime Advocacy Award for Persons with Disabilities**



(Above) Community Volunteer Kellie Spawton & consumer Matthew Roman **Appreciation & Salute to Family Awards**



THANK YOU **South Jersey Industries** for your generous donation of \$1,000 to help women progressing from welfare to work be successful on their road to self-sufficiency.  
You are changing lives!

## COME TOUR WITH US



Community Quest, Inc. is conducting agency tours. To **"Get on Board"** and learn more about our Community **"Housing and Employment"** services,

Contact:

Elizabeth Denham, Senior VP of Operations.  
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## Latino Outreach Program Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On March 7th, staff, community, chamber and advisory council members came together to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Latino Outreach Program in partnership with Workforce New Jersey Department of Labor located on 315 West Landis Avenue, Vineland, NJ.

The program is currently in the outreach phase of the project. Mayor Barse welcomed everyone and introduced the new program that will help residents of Latino descent in Cumberland and Salem counties achieve and retain employment.

For more information, contact Project Coordinator Denise Nieves, 856-696-3144.



(L-R) President Daniel Kelly, Mayor Barse, Denise Nieves, and Chairperson for the Advisory Committee Mariluz Gonzalez from Sun National Bank.

## Employee of the Year Martin Smilowitz



“Two words stood out in my mind when I saw the nomination for Martin; sincere and relentless. Martin is compassionate about helping others and has a demeanor that portrays patience and understanding. He is loyal to the consumers he provides services to and is loyal to Community Quest as well,” Senior VP of Operations, Elizabeth Denham, “It is an honor to have such a genuine individual representing Community Quest.”

**Thank you Martin for fulfilling the mission of our organization!**



### A Subsidiary of Community Quest, Inc.

Congratulations to a first successful year in business! Customers attribute the rigorous screening process of Med A Quest which provides just-in-time staffing resources to the medical and mental health industries to account for the successful recruiting process. Affordable rates and a (3) month temp-to-perm policy are what make Med A Quest “A Different Kind of Staffing Company.”

To request an application, please contact Mike Johnson at 609- 646-2474



## Good Neighbor Golf Classic 2008 Scores A Hole-In-One

The “Good Neighbor Golf Classic,” held at Harbor Pines Golf Club on May 2nd, raised over \$13,000. Proceeds will help benefit “Housing and Employment” service recipients in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem and Southern Ocean Counties.

With John Egnor of JEM Associates as “Chair Extraordinaire” for the tenth year and the active participation of our 14-member Good Neighbor Golf Committee, this year’s golf tournament turned out another successful event. The nine month planning efforts of golf committee members helped to raise the bar with new contests, awesome prizes and ticket sale promotions.

Congressman Frank LoBiondo welcomed the 122 golfers at the shotgun start at 12:30 PM. JEM Associates donated the **Grand Prize** of \$5,000 in travel gift certificates for the winning low net team. **Marquee Sponsors** included Baring Industries, CapeBank, and Continental Refrigerator. **Banner Sponsors** included Atlantic City Electric, Community Quest Foundation, Inc., Delaware Park Racing, Slots & Golf, Empire Services, LLC, Gold Foundation, Hobart-Traulsen, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, JEM Associates, Nordson, Inc. and, Rich Services. **Pennant Sponsors** were Brass Smith, LLC, Fitzpatrick, Bongiovanni & Kelly, PC, Halton Company and Sun National Bank. **Corporate Contributors** were ACUA, Glenn Insurance and Stero.

Additional donation support included Pepsi Bottling Group of Mays Landing, Atlantic City Surf, GolfStyles New Jersey Magazine, Dan & Ashley Cellucci, Nobil Food Services, Marketplace Realty, McKernan Architects, LLC, Bonefish Grill, Sonsie, Friendly’s and Fitzpatrick’s Deli as **Special Event Sponsors**.

The evening auctions were graciously emceed by Greg Gregory of Gregory’s Restaurant & Bar whose dynamic auction expertise helped raise additional proceeds. The colorful and creative ad book was designed by staff member Jennifer Vezza.

**“We are very honored to have such dedicated sponsors, volunteers and supporters that help contribute to the continued success of the tournament. The Golf Classic has surpassed its goal once again to strive for “bigger and better.”**

Pat Hurst, Events Coordinator

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## MISSION

To positively affect the quality of life for low income individuals and families in New Jersey and neighboring communities by providing innovative "Housing and Employment."

## VISION

To be the recognized leader in New Jersey and neighboring communities in providing quality services in the field of customized housing and career development by the year 2010.



## FUNday at Playland

Wed., June 25, 2008

1- 5 p.m.

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