**16th Annual Kidsbridge Humanitarian Awards Celebration**

Dear Friends:

On behalf of The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey (CHSofNJ), we cordially invite you to the Sixteenth Annual Kidsbridge Humanitarian Awards Celebration on **Wednesday, September 27, 2023** at The Stone Terrace by John Henry’s (Hamilton, NJ).

Please join us as we recognize and pay tribute to four distinguished humanitarian honorees, for their generous and dedicated community service. We are privileged to honor them in recognition for their outstanding passion for helping others.

This year we are honoring:

* **Lance Liverman**, Former Princeton Council Member and Philanthropist
* **Erich Kussman**, Pastor of St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
* **James Earle,** Superintendent of Trenton Public Schools
* **Shannon Schaefer**, Owner/Operator of Inclusion Sports

Thanks to donor support, each year more than **2000 youth and their teachers/school counselors participate** in our UPstander Experiences, which focus on **bullying prevention and anti-bias, anti-racism.** Small group discussions and hands-on activities are utilized to teach children how to combat name-calling, bias and discrimination. Kidsbridge incorporates Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) in order to address the education of the whole child. Our programs are designed to empower young people to make pro-social choices -- particularly regarding empathy and respect for others.

Supporting Kidsbridge is easy. You can find detailed information, become a sponsor **or** purchase a Tribute ad online at chsofnj.org/kidsbridge-gala/, scan the QR code below, or by contacting Pamela Cipriano (pcipriano@chsofnj.org). Please note: organizations that purchase **sponsorships by July 7th will have their names included on our printed invitations.**

We hope you can join us in expressing our appreciation for these deserving individuals and all they do to make a difference in our community.

Gratefully,

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