

## Harvest of Hope shines a light on homeless families

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The beautiful, Belvidere home of Jack and Terry O'Connor, bathed in golden light on Thursday, Oct. 11, welcomed more than 120 guests inside from the damp, gloomy night, warming them with candlelight and three fireplaces blazing. They were serenaded with piano music, compliments of Dick Sawyer, and treated to elegant hors d'oeuvres (many provided by the HOH board) and scrumptious desserts by the pastry artists at Bianco Catering and Two Chefs.

It was, says executive director Deb Chausse, "A hugely successful party and though very festive, our guests remained mindful of the event's purpose, to raise much needed funds for HOH families." A lively auction of Celtics and Bruins tickets, coupled with dinner out at Omni Parker House in Boston, yielded \$1,400 for the cause, with much jolly jockeying among the bidders.

Elaine Zouzas Thibault, chairman, and her committee, Deb Chausse, Jill Cole, Diane Earl, Louise Griffin, Deborah Lemos, June Messina and Marc Teal made certain everything went smoothly. Framed, personalized pictures of HOH children were given to the hosts and to retiring board members Nels (president) Palm, Lisa Fitzgerald, Deb Lemos, Kenneth Powers and Donna Prideaux-Brune. The new president, Brian Bush, was introduced. The O'Connors, who are "old pros" at hosting parties, are deeply appreciated by many groups like HOH, for their unstintingly generous hospitality and grace.

Socializing were Joe and Genevieve Sullivan, Andrew and Keri Boyle, Susan and Dr. Wayne Pasanen, Eileen Donoghue and John O'Connor, William Lemos, Dan and Tarina Mansur, Richard and Judy Jump, Norm and Joy Deschene, Dion Adamy, John Thibault, Peter Zarilla, Nancy and Dick Donahue, Ruby Cook, Jacquie and Ed Moloney, Emily Weitzman Rosenbaum, Brenda Hassett, Peggy Palm, John, Barbara and Ginger Pearson, Jim and Mary Lee Campanini, Tom and Elizabeth Boyle, Jody and Pam White, Win Brown, Julie and Jim Lemire, Brian and Cheryl Stafford, Bob Gregoire, Evan Shapiro and Belinda Juran, Jo-Ann Spence, Sean and Erin Rourke, Elkin Montoya, Marianne Staid, Paul and Pauline Lambert.

