

Coastal Habitat for Humanity names honorees

Star News Group chosen to receive "Golden Hardhat Award"

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SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS — Star News Group is one of several honorees at Coastal Habitat For Humanity's second-annual Hearts and Hammers event, which will be held at the Manasquan River Golf Club on Thursday, April 21.

According to Maureen Mulligan, executive director of Coastal Habitat for Humanity, the Hearts and Hammers event is a way to recognize those who have been supporters of the nonprofit in recent years.

"It's an opportunity to honor those who reached out and gave help and support over the past year or more," Ms. Mulligan said.

Star News Group is being honored with the Golden Hardhat Award, which recognizes people or local organizations who have supported "major initiatives" of Coastal Habitat for Humanity over the years.

"They [Star News Group] have come out and supported all of our events since Superstorm Sandy," Ms. Mulligan said.

Star News Group Publisher James Manser said, "We are honored to be included in this year's Hearts & Hammers celebration."

"Coastal Habitat for Humanity does such great work



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Coastal Habitat For Humanity recently announced its 2016 Hearts and Hammers honorees. Pictured are back row left to right: Bob Hart, Manasquan Bank and vice president Coastal Habitat for Humanity, Maureen Mulligan, executive director Coastal Habitat for Humanity, Mike Affuso, NJ Bankers Association. Front row left to right: Randy Bishop, Neptune Township Committeeman, Jim Manser, Star News Group publisher, and John McWeeney, NJ Bankers Association.

in the communities that we serve and we are proud to support them."

Other honorees at this year's event include Neptune Township Committeeman Randy Bishop, who will be honored with the Golden Hearts Founders Award for "outstanding individual leadership" and the New Jersey Bankers Association, which is receiving the Golden Hammer Award for "outstanding corporate citizenship and partnership," according to Ms. Mulligan.

The Hearts and Hammers began last year as a celebration of the organization's 20th year in southern Monmouth County.

The event raises funds for the organization's "Aging in Place" program, which helps

seniors maintain their homes by providing needed repairs. The organization also plans to rehabilitate a vacant property in Asbury Park and fund the construction of an accessible home for a disabled veteran with the proceeds from the Hearts & Hammers event.

Tickets for the Hearts and Hammers event are \$150 and sponsorship opportunities are available.

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