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VINFEN FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL SALUTES LOCAL HEROES

Norwood, MA. – Vinfen Corporation, a leading non-profit human services organization that provides a comprehensive array of services to individuals with psychiatric and developmental disabilities, honored family members who care for individuals with developmental disabilities at an event at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood on October 1.

The event, “Honoring Our Local Heroes”, was emceed by Boston sports icon Bob Lobel. Lobel has been a strong voice and advocate for many years on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The nominees were chosen by Vinfen staff and family advisors for their extraordinary and selfless care they provide for their loved ones. Many were nominated because they were committed to advocacy, educational and leadership activities or worked to improve services for other families. Some created innovative programs and inspired other family members to become more involved in Vinfen’s mission.

During the event two videos of nominees Marie Miklazsewski and Bill Hubbard were shown. These two stories of a lifetime of devotion to individuals with developmental disabilities exemplified the theme of the event.

Local Heroes

Lorraine DeFreitas
Theresa Gately
Vivian Stefanou
Patricia McKenna

Vernon, CT.
Roslindale, MA.
Salem, MA.
Salem, MA.

Donna McCoy-Algere
Bill Hubbard
Deborah Smith-Pressley
Lisa Galligan
William Galligan
Kathleen Holland
Linda Zack
Michael Zack
Leo Sarkissian
Mary Kingsbury
Ellen Ford
Roberta Minkovitz
Lisa Zaccaria
Niki Kobacker

Roslindale, MA.
Readville, MA.
Mattapan, MA.
Larkspur, CA.
Hull, MA. (accepting award for Lisa)
Jamaica Plain, MA.
Brookline, MA.
W. Newton, MA.
Walpole, MA.
Dorchester, MA.
Brighton, MA.
Saugus, MA.
Needham, MA.
Brookline, MA.

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