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Buddies of New Jersey Celebrates 40 Years of Compassion, Advocacy, and Hope at Anniversary Gala

PARAMUS, NJ – October 2026 – Buddies of New Jersey (Buddies of NJ, Inc.) proudly invites the community to celebrate a remarkable milestone at its **40th Anniversary Gala**, honoring four decades of unwavering service to individuals and families living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Since its founding in **1985**, Buddies of NJ has stood as Bergen and Passaic Counties' premier AIDS Service Organization (and now in Hudson), providing compassionate care, advocacy, education, housing assistance, prevention services, counseling, substance use treatment, case management, and essential support to thousands of individuals throughout northern New Jersey.

The 40th Anniversary Gala will be an evening of celebration, remembrance, and inspiration, recognizing the volunteers, healthcare professionals, community leaders, donors, advocates, and clients whose dedication has shaped the organization's legacy while looking ahead to the future of HIV care and prevention.

"For forty years, Buddies of New Jersey has remained committed to ensuring that no one faces HIV alone," said Ric Miles "This gala is more than a celebration of our history—it's a tribute to every life we've touched, every partnership we've built, and every person who has helped create a more compassionate and inclusive community."

Guests will enjoy an elegant evening featuring special recognitions, inspiring stories, entertainment, dinner, and opportunities to support the vital work that Buddies of NJ continues to provide every day.

Community members, supporters, businesses, and friends are encouraged to attend this milestone event and become part of the next chapter of Buddies of NJ's legacy.

Tickets for the **40th Anniversary Gala Tickets** are available at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/buddies-of-new-jersey-40th-anniversary-gala>

Businesses and organizations interested in recognizing this historic milestone can also support the event through advertisements in the commemorative **Gala Program Journal**: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/40th-gala-dinner-program-ad-journal>

About Buddies of New Jersey | Founded in 1985, **Buddies of NJ, Inc.** is Bergen and Passaic Counties' premier AIDS Service Organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Through comprehensive services including housing assistance, medical case management, prevention education, HIV testing, counseling, substance use treatment, transportation, food assistance, peer support, and community outreach, Buddies continues to provide hope, dignity, and compassionate care while working toward a future free from HIV stigma.

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