



Buddies of New Jersey, Inc.

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Sponsorship (40th Anniversary Gala: Buddies of NJ, Inc.)

Dear Supporters,

Buddies of New Jersey, Inc. [501(C)(3) Tax ID # 222276627] is a Bergen County centric, non-profit, AIDS-Service Organization who also serves Passaic and Hudson Counties while working statewide to end the HIV/AIDS Epidemic. With roots that extend prior to 1985, we are dedicated to supporting those living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS. We are respectfully requesting your sponsorship and partnership in amplifying our 40+ years—so together, we can not only assist those directly affected by HIV/AIDS but also drive lasting change through continued education, advocacy, and empowerment. To achieve our shared goals, we are seeking sponsorship for our **40th Anniversary Gala on October 16th** to expand our reach and impact. Your support will help sustain services, enhance education and outreach, develop innovative programs, and strengthen advocacy to address social determinants of health. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those at-risk and build a healthier future for New Jersey.

Awardees

After thoughtful consideration of many candidates who have been integral to our fight, we plan to honor: Jim Tedesco (Bergen County Executive), Debbie Visconi (CEO of Bergen New Bridge Medical Center), Raffaele Bernardo (D.O., Valley Health System), Wayne Cesa (Executive Director, Free Throws for AIDS), and jointly Susan and Emil Vitale (LPN & LCADC at Buddies of NJ, Inc.).

About Buddies of NJ, Inc.

Officially founded by Franklin A. Smith, we have been the core of local collaborative partnerships including hospitals/healthcare professionals, educators, and community leaders representing all communities impacted by HIV/AIDS. Our services include: medical treatment, medical transportation, prevention, housing, nutrition, mental health services, harm reduction, substance use issues, peer/LGBT support and community education. Buddies of NJ works to Remember, Educate, and Defeat HIV/AIDS while uplifting individuals and strengthening vulnerable communities across New Jersey.

Our Mission

“To provide support, education, and services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.”

Call to Action: Partnership for Impact

We appreciate your consideration and invite you to join us at our gala. Support includes direct donations, journal ads, silent auction items and buying tickets to this event. See our sponsor sheet for details. Thank you for your time and commitment towards the well-being of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Ric Miles

Ric Miles, Executive Director
Buddies of NJ, Inc.