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# Press Release

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## **United Way Celebrates 40 years of Community Service**

United Way of Monmouth County recently celebrated 40 years of dedicated service to the community at a recognition dinner held at The Mill in Spring Lake. The event honored 4 individuals from the community as well as 6 corporations who have supported the United Way since its inception.

Mary Ann Martin, Oceanport, retired Vice President of Consumer and Community Relations at New Jersey Natural Gas Co. and current Executive Director for the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, former United Way board President, Charles T. Parton, Rumson, Financial Consultant, Incorporator, Director, Two River Community Bank, former United Way Board President and Sandy & Bill Mullaney, Ocean Township, former owners Mullaney Insurance Co. and founders of the United Way's Leadership Giving Society, were all honored for their service and dedication to the United Way of Monmouth County.

The six founding organizations, The Asbury Park Press, Neptune, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Red Bank, Macy's (then Bamberger's), Eatontown, Nestles USA, Freehold, and New Jersey Natural Gas Company in Wall Twp., were acknowledged for their supported of the United Way since its' incorporation in 1967, then entitled the Monmouth County United Fund. Each company played a major role in the establishment of the United Way from its original state as a Community Service Council. New Jersey Natural Gas Co. has also been home to the United

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Way of Monmouth County. It shared office space in 1967 when the Gas Company was located in Asbury Park and later moved when the corporate offices were relocated to Wall Twp.

An exquisite ruby glass award, in honor of the 40 years, was presented to the individual honorees and the founding corporations by United Way CEO Timothy C. Hearne Jr. along with Board Chairman, Dr. Webster Trammell, VP Brookdale Community College.

“On behalf of the United Way, our Board of Directors, the agencies we support and the thousands of individuals we assist throughout the county, I would like to thank you for being here to share in our celebration of the United Way’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary,” stated Hearne. “United Way has had a long standing reputation as the “problem solver” in the community. The titles may have changed over the years. But what we do really has remains the same...raising funds to help meet the needs of the community, none of which would have been possible were it not for the individuals and corporations that we are honoring tonight” continued Hearne.

The evening began with a cocktail hour and gift auction followed by dinner, presentation of awards and entertainment. Sponsors of the event included, The Brunetti Foundation, Jersey Central Power and Light Co., Brookdale Community College, Monmouth University, New Jersey Natural Gas Co., Wegmans and Seabrook Village by Erickson. Other sponsors included Sovereign Bank and William and Sandy Mullaney and Charles and Trudy Parton. The event also served as a fundraiser for the United Way with the proceeds of nearly \$30,000 going to the United Way partner agencies of which there are currently 69. For more information about the United Way of Monmouth County, call 732-938-5988 or visit the web site at [www.uwmonmouth](http://www.uwmonmouth.org) .org.

United Way of Monmouth County is working to advance the common good by focusing on **education**, **income** and **health**. These are the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Give to United Way.

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