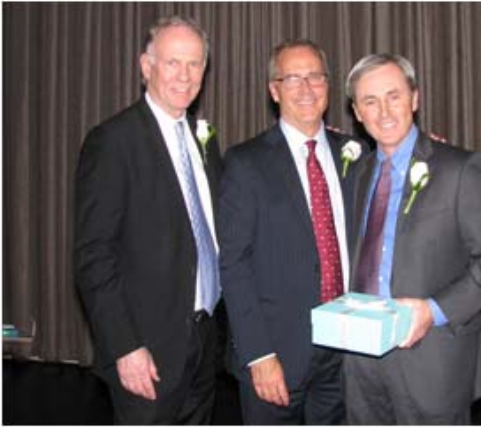


MercyFirst Raises \$160K at Angel of Hope



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Gerard McCaffery, MercyFirst President/CEO, and Scott Gildea, Board Chair, present Kevin Shine with the Angel of Hope Award.

On Thursday, November 6, 2014 over 200 supporters gathered for MercyFirst's first annual Angel of Hope event held at Tribeca Rooftop in New York City. Angel of Hope raised over \$160,000 to help fund MercyFirst's programs.

This year MercyFirst celebrated Kevin Shine, immediate past chair of the Board of Trustees, by presenting him with both the Angel of Hope Award and the Catherine McAuley Leadership Award. Shine joined the Board of trustees in 1992 and throughout the years has been the driving force doing everything possible to strengthen MercyFirst and its mission for the sake of the young people in its care. "The

entire evening flew by so quickly and was filled with excitement and such great energy. Our being able to especially come together to honor Kevin Shine was such a well-earned and satisfying experience for everyone in attendance. It was a terrific event!" said Jerry McCaffery, President/CEO MercyFirst.

Kevin Shine is an outstanding member of the Long Island community. He is involved with many charities but he is especially involved with two local charities- MercyFirst and Swim Across America. Shine is a proud 1984 graduate of Boston College with degrees in Computer Science and Mathematics.

Headquartered in Syosset, NY, MercyFirst is a not-for-profit human service agency founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1894. MercyFirst provides an integrated continuum of care for over 3,200 traumatized and neglected children, teenagers and their families at 14 sites throughout Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties. MercyFirst operates Family Support Programs, Foster Homes and Adoption Services, Treatment Family Foster Care, Community-based Group Homes, Mother/Child Residences and Campus- based Residential Treatment Programs.