

MERCYFIRST TEES OFF AT ANNUAL SUMMER GOLF OUTING

On Monday, Aug. 18, MercyFirst held its annual Summer Golf Outing, sponsored by State Bank of Long Island. The daylong event, held at the Mill River Country Club in Upper Brookville and the Nassau County Country Club in Glen Cove, raised funds for the 4,000 children and families served annually by MercyFirst. The day began with a lavish breakfast buffet and a shotgun start at noon. Dinner and an awards ceremony followed at the Mill River Club. This year's event raised in excess of \$200,000.

The Annual Summer Golf Outing supports MercyFirst's range of programs, which includes family support and after-school programs, foster homes and adoption services, community homes and campus-based residential treatment programs, medical and mental health care, as well as the innovative Bridges to the Future, a range of specialized skills development and workforce preparation experiences designed to help adolescents learn to be self-sufficient. ●



Anne Gildea with Enid and David Newman



Jeffrey Barber and Joseph Perry



Angelo Silveri and Gerard McCaffery

HFOI HAMPTONS BENEFIT RAISES FUNDS FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN KENYA

Help for Orphans International's (HFOI) second annual Hamptons benefit at Nova's Ark Project in Watermill drew more than 300 guests and raised essential funds to build a vocational school for 50 orphans in Kisii, Kenya. The evening was co-chaired by HFOI founder Sarah Ehrlich and star of *The Real Housewives of New York City*, Jill Zarin. Among the guests were all the stars of the hit series, including Bethenny Frankel, Countess LuAnn de Lesseps, Alex McCord, Ramona Singer and the newest housewife Kelly Killoren Bensimon. Guests bid on art by the likes of Andy Moses, Colette and Hunt Slonem and enjoyed food provided by Creative Cuisine.

The Kisii school will give older orphans, those who have finished their basic education, the skills needed to develop careers to participate in their villages. They will be taught sustainable agriculture, dairy farming, horticulture, art and other skills needed to support themselves, their families and hopefully others, including other orphaned children. In addition to providing a foundation in education and basic living skills, Help For Orphans International will work actively with the community to offer tools necessary for a stronger foundation in life. ●



Kelly Killoren Bensimon



LuAnn de Lesseps and Michael Mione



Jill Zarin and Sarah Ehrlich