

## MercyFirst Raises \$100K at Harvest Ball



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Gerard McCaffery (center), MercyFirst President/CEO, thanked Patrick Reis (left) and Jonathan Russo (right) for creating a brand new MercyFirst video featuring some of our youth and staff.

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On Thursday, November 3rd, over 200 supporters gathered for MercyFirst's Annual Harvest Ball held at The Garden City Hotel. The event raised over \$100,000 to help fund MercyFirst's programs. This year's Harvest Ball honored the children and families served by MercyFirst and spotlighted them in a brand new agency video created by two very talented friends of the agency, Jonathan Russo and Patrick Reis. (See the video at [NYNP](#)-

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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 4,000 traumatized and neglected children, teenagers and their families at 14 sites throughout Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties. MercyFirst's range of programs include Family Support and After-School Programs, Foster Homes and Adoption Services, Community Group Homes, Campus-based Residential Treatment and Medical and Mental Health Services, as well as the innovative Bridges to the Future, a range of specialized support services offering skills training and hands-on work experience help our teen and young adult clients learn to be self-sufficient.