



DOVE Raises over \$100,000 at 2010 Harvesting Hope Gala

DOVE (DOmestic Violence Ended) raised over \$100,000 at its annual *Harvesting Hope Gala* held Friday, October 8th at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy. Massachusetts' First Lady Diane Patrick was the keynote speaker and addressed an audience of approximately 400 guests. WCVB-TV's Midday newscast anchor Susan Wornick was the event's auctioneer for the second year and really got some hands raised with her special talent. Event sponsors this year included Jay Cashman, Inc., The Cooperative Bank, Phil Lussier and the Lussier Family Foundation, EMD Serono, and Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. For the fifth consecutive year, entertainment by Java Jive kept the night lively and the guests dancing. A light dinner and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed by all.

Some live auction items included Celtics and Bruins tickets, sold-out Justin Bieber box seat tickets, 2 vacation packages to Florida with flights included, and a chef's four-course dinner for 8 in your own home. Also included in the auction were three DOVE fund-a-projects where Susan was able to raise \$8,000 for emergency shelter food, \$5,000 for a summer children's coordinator at the center and \$7,650 in emergency shelter stay for families. A silent auction was also included.

"It was such an incredible evening! Attendance was increased by over 100 guests more than last year's event. *Harvesting Hope* was a very successful night for DOVE, and we raised critically needed funds for both the emergency shelter and our community-based services," stated Sue Chandler, Executive Director.

Over the last 32 years, DOVE has sheltered over 4,350 families and answered more than 39,000 hotline calls. Since the creation of the Outreach and Family Services center, DOVE has been able to serve more than 1,300 families in the community and educated more than 13,000 teens and community members on the many complex issues surrounding domestic violence.

All proceeds from *Harvesting Hope* will go to supporting DOVE's domestic violence services provided throughout Norfolk County and the greater South Shore. For more information on DOVE, please visit www.doveinc.info or contact our Development Office at 617-770-4065, ext. 16

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