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**HASC Center And Capital One:  
Working Together On Behalf Of  
The Community**

*By Moshe Cohn*

In this uncertain and tumultuous economic period when most financial institutions are seeking to curtail lending to even the most credit worthy clients, Capital One, one of the premier financial services companies in the nation and a Fortune 500 company, recently completed a financing transaction on behalf of HASC Center. HASC Center is a renowned, not-for-profit agency that has been serving children and adults with developmental challenges within our communities for over three decades.

An official tour by Capital One's top executives of HASC Center's day habilitation program, residential facilities, and its Blanche Kahn Family Health Center located on East 14th Street in Brooklyn concluded the financing transaction. The visi-



*(L-R): Thomas Hanrahan, Senior Vice President, Capital One; Dr. Chaim Wakslak, Clinical Director, HASC Center; Adam Ostrach, Senior Vice President, Capital One; Lynn A. Pike, President, Capital One; Abe Eisner, President, HASC Center; Samuel Kahn, Executive Director, HASC Center.*

tors included Capital One's president, Lynn A. Pike, and senior vice presidents Adam Ostrach and Thomas Hanrahan. By taking the time out of their busy schedules, the executives demonstrated Capital One's deep commitment to the not-for-profit sector and recognition of the sector's vital role in the enhancement of the quality of life of the most vulnerable of our community.

"I want to publicly praise Capital One for its professionalism, but more importantly for its compassion to the special needs of those served by HASC Center and to the community to which it is committed. Indeed it was HASC Center's dedication and deep understanding of the needs of the community and its overall sensitivity to our families that were the compelling factors that led Capital One's president, Lynn A. Pike and her colleagues to conclude this deal," said Abe Eisner, president of HASC Center and CEO of GFI Mortgage Bankers, that facilitated the transaction between the parties.

"I want to echo the words of our devoted president, Abe Eisner, and express our appreciation to our bankers at Capital One for providing us with the financing and support which will allow us to properly serve people with special needs and their families" said HASC Center's executive director, Mr. Samuel Kahn, upon conclusion of the visit. ♦

**RCCS Draws A Crowd Despite  
Downturn In Economy**

The Rofeh Cholim Cancer Society (RCCS) services over 450 patients yearly. Led by its founder, Reb Herchel Kohn, and his son Eli, as well as Executive Director Rabbi Golding, renowned for his years in Agudath Israel, the main function of the RCCS is to maintain health insurance premiums for cancer stricken patients to insure that all are able to access the best possible doctors, treatments, and surgeries needed to cope with their illness.

This year's RCCS barbecue drew in over 200 people from the Five Towns area in support of the program's effort to assist cancer patients with their medical costs. Held at the home of Yaakov and Yona Spinner in Cedarhurst, the event was as extraordinary as years past. Yaakov and Yona are synonymous with charity, involving themselves in the community wherever needed.

Guest speaker Rav Yaakov Feitman, the *rav* of Kehilas Bais Yehuda Tzvi, spoke brilliantly and passionately about this holy *tzedakah*. Rav Feitman prides himself in that so many of his members are involved in *tzedakah* and *chesed*.

The event was sponsored by anonymous donors, catered by Chap-a-Nosh, and featured a wine-tasting sponsored by Chateau de Vin. The tables were divinely decorated with Debby Flowers, adding to the tastefulness of the event. Over \$70,000 was raised, proving that even in a dire economy, there is still an awareness of how vital having health insurance is.

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