

## Halstead/Metroflor Fundraiser Honoring Harlan Stone Raises \$90,000 for Rehabilitation Scholarships to Addicts & Their Families

Norwalk, CT, Oct. 3 -- The Halstead/Metroflor Addiction Crisis Team (HMAC) fundraiser honoring Harlan Stone, President and Group CEO of parent company HMTX Industries LLC, raised \$90,000 through sponsorships, a silent auction and a "paddle raise," to support nonprofit rehabilitation organizations, offering support to addicts and their families. Held Thursday, Sept. 26th from 6 – 9 pm at Harbor Lights in Norwalk, CT, the evening's tax-deductible net proceeds will help fund 501-C3 tax exempt organization(s), to fund the scholarships at the following rehabilitation and education facilities:

The Blanchard Institute, Charlotte, NC Damascus Road Recovery, Covington, GA Genesis Ministries, Kennesaw, GA Hope House Ministries, Port Jefferson, NY Thomas' Hope, West Babylon, NY Davis Direct Foundation, Marietta, GA

Compassion was a major theme. In receiving the recognition, Stone thanked his employees for empowering themselves, by reaching into their hearts and supporting this vital cause. He urged the audience to extend the same compassion he received during his journey through cancer, to the aforementioned disease of addiction. "We have to stop stigmatizing an illness and start treating it with what we're made of that's good," he said. "If you think it's OK to blame someone because they're addicted, you're wrong. This requires love. John Lennon had it right: All you need is love."

Said Paul Eanes, vice president of new business development for Metroflor, "The Path To Resilience dinner honoring Harlan was an unbelievable success! We had well over one hundred donors in attendance, from all backgrounds -- customers, vendors, press, and friends of the Stone family -- all with the objective of assisting us in our great fight against the disease of addiction."

The proceeds from the evening of inspiration, music and hope supports HMAC's goal of raising \$500,000 over the next two years, through a "Save an Addict. Save a Family" <u>DONATE NOW</u> page, <u>new website</u>, and other activities, which will be matched dollar for dollar by the Stone family for a total of \$1 million.

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Left to Right: Harlan Stone, Paul Eanes

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