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ACCESS: SUPPORTS FOR LIVING FOUNDATION TO HONOR COUNTY EXECUTIVES HEIN, MOLINARO AND NEUHAUS

HUDSON VALLEY, NY – On Saturday, November 19, 2016, Access: Supports for Living Foundation Inc. will hold its Gala and “Vision of Hope” Award Dinner at Anthony’s Pier 9 in New Windsor. Friends will gather to honor three of the Hudson Valley’s County Executives – Michael Hein, Ulster County Executive; Marcus Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive; and Steven Neuhaus, Orange County Executive. These county executives from communities across the Hudson Valley are recognized for their commitment to the region through outstanding leadership, innovation, and for their collaborative efforts to provide an opportunity for people in the Hudson Valley to live healthy and rewarding lives. Collectively they continue to focus on addressing the challenges of our communities that most impact the growth, health and vitality of the Hudson Valley region, ensuring that all people, regardless of their abilities or circumstances, live in a safe environment and have opportunities to lead fulfilling lives. Join us for a night of honoring these leaders as well as Celebrating Healthy Communities.

This year’s festivities begin at 5:30 pm at Anthony’s Pier 9 in New Windsor with cocktails and stationed and butlered hors d’oeuvres. The celebration will include a silent auction – **“The Bounty of the Valley”** – that will highlight the many attractions of the Hudson Valley (scenic photos, restaurants, tourist attractions, lodging, real estate, wineries, breweries, distilleries, antiques, specialty shops, and community resources). This electronic silent auction offers the opportunity for bids to be placed by tablet and phone with instant notification if you’ve been outbid! The cocktail party will be followed by a sit down dinner and a formal program, dessert, a live auction and an after party celebration with live music and dancing.

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"Access is thrilled to recognize the three County Executives and honor their service to the counties and communities they serve. Throughout the Hudson Valley, these leaders are known for their passion and commitment to improve the quality of life for their constituents. Access: Supports for Living shares in the County Executives' common commitment to the people in the Hudson Valley to provide opportunities for individuals and families to have a rewarding lives and a healthy communities in which to live. We are grateful for their continued support to ensure that people are living meaningful and rewarding lives here in the Hudson Valley," commented Amy Anderson-Winchell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Access: Supports for Living.

This is shaping up to be another in a long line of fun and highly successful events to support the Access: Supports for Living Foundation. We are pleased and honored to be presenting the three County Executives with this prestigious award, and recognizing them for their leadership and contributions to the Hudson Valley community and beyond," said James Monroe, Chairman of the Access: Supports for Living Foundation Board of Directors.

Todd Kelson, Chairman of the Access: Supports for Living Board of Directors added, "It is an honor and privilege to recognize three outstanding members of our community, who have given so much to the people who live and work in the Hudson Valley. The support, leadership, and guidance of our county executives are the cornerstone of an ever expanding partnership between government and not for profit organizations, including Access and other agencies. We see the tangible results of these efforts every day in vastly improved housing, services and employment opportunities for people with special needs. These honorees are richly deserving of our Vision of Hope Award."

Sponsorship opportunities will be available at various levels and a commemorative journal is also planned. Additional details for the Access: Supports for Living Foundation Gala and "Vision of Hope" Award Dinner are available at www.accesssupports.org/gala2016 or by calling 845-692-4454, ext. 7127.

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Access: Supports for Living is an agency with a simple goal – to support the families and communities of the Hudson Valley by helping people live the happiest, healthiest and fullest lives possible. We are committed to the future as we innovate today to support the people of the Hudson Valley in the coming years. As the role of not for profits changes and communities are asked to strengthen supports for people with vulnerabilities, we are the resource the entire Hudson Valley can rely on. Visit www.accesssupports.org, to learn more about the ways in which Access continues to be a solution for the Hudson Valley. For services and information on ACCESS programs call 1-888-750-2266, seven-days-a-week, 24 hours a day.

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