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NJISJ 7th Annual Social Justice Gala

Linda A Willett, Esq., Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, and Patrick C. Dunican, Jr., Esq., Chairman & Managing Director of Gibbons P.C., proudly announce 7th Annual Gala for the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice to be held on April 26th at 6pm at Nanina's in the Park. Mrs. Willett and Mr. Dunican are dinner chairs for this year's gala, which celebrates "Health, Healing and Justice." This theme highlights NJISJ's commitment to Health (promoting access to healthcare and healthcare employment opportunities), Healing (building consensus among groups with traditionally opposing views), and Justice (equitable treatment for all citizens). NJISJ will honor four exceptional individuals who truly embody the spirit of this theme: Gibbons P.C. Director, the Honorable John J. Gibbons; the Chairman, President and CEO of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Mr. Robert A. Marino; the Executive Director of La Casa de Don Pedro, Mr. Raymond Ocasio; and the CEO of The Doll Loft, as well as our own former COO, Ms. Ellen Brown.

Each of our esteemed honorees has made a meaningful difference in the lives of the most vulnerable families in our New Jersey community. Each honoree is a champion in the fight to make our state a safer, healthier, and more just place to live. In 1999 our founders, Alan and Amy Lowenstein, envisioned an organization capable of identifying and attacking the most damaging and imbedded social justice challenges facing New Jersey's impoverished residents. Each year we gather hundreds of advocates, community partners and members of the business community to pay tribute to the legacy of Alan and Amy Lowenstein by recognizing a group of honorees whose work exemplifies the principles on which NJISJ was founded.

The gala evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 6PM at Nanina's in the Park, followed by dinner and the awards ceremony, and concluding with a celebratory dessert party. We invite everyone to join us for dinner, to honor the awardees, and to enjoy an evening of networking in support of the work of NJISJ. You may wish to take a table, invite colleagues,

friends and family or purchase a single ticket for \$500.

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