



NJISJ Appreciates Support at Gala Event (pictures)

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and our amazingly supportive Board would like to thank all of you who assisted in making our 6th Annual Gala event a resounding success and a renewed call to action for the critically important social issues facing New Jersey residents. As our staff (pictured bottom right) mingled with guests during the cocktail hour and dessert party, the word “inspired” was often heard from guests discussing the work in which the Institute has engaged over the last year. We, at the Institute, want to take this opportunity to let you know that it is, in fact, you who inspire us with encouragement, consultation, collaboration and financial support. All of these types of support allow this important work to continue.

On May 3 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, NJISJ celebrated the accomplishments of four remarkable social justice leaders in the New Jersey community. Jon Corzine, Chairman and CEO of MF Global, (pictured top right; second right) received the Alan V. and Amy Lowenstein Social Justice Award; Lawrence P. Goldman (pictured 3rd right), CEO of NJPAC, received the Lifetime Community Achievement Award; Ralph LaRossa (pictured 4th right), President and COO of PSE&G, received the Corporate Leadership Award and the Social Justice Committee of the Yale Alumni Association of Metropolitan New York accepted the Community Builders Award (Karin Weiner, pictured fifth right). Cornell William Brooks, Esq., Executive Director of NJISJ noted that "Equality, commitment, service and courage are words that guide our vision at NJISJ and we celebrate this year's honorees for embodying these traits across the areas of



From left to right, Theodore Wells*, Esq; Richard Roper*; Grizel Ubarry*; Paul Kurland*, Esq; Cornell William Brooks, Esq (Executive Director); Jerome Harris*; Jac Herschler*; Governor Jon S. Corzine; Governor James Florio; Nina Mitchell Wells; James McQueeney* and Douglas S. Eakeley*, Esq. at the 6th Annual NJISJ Gala Awards Dinner.
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Governor Corzine introduced by Chief Justice Zazalli and presented the Alan V. and Amy Lowenstein Social Justice Award by NJISJ Board V.P. Douglas Eakeley, Esq.



Lawrence Goldman introduced by Dr. Robert Curvin, founding Trustee of NJISJ and presented the Lifetime Community Achievement Award by NJISJ

government, the arts, business and community activism."

Governor Corzine discussed the legacy of previous NJISJ honorees and how those who have come before him inspired him to push harder for economically disadvantaged and politically voiceless people in New Jersey. Lawrence Goldman underscored his vision of NJPAC as a "performing arts center with a social conscience." He credited the Women's Movement and the civil rights struggles of the 1960s as the birthplace of his long-time dedication to justice, equality and giving all people the opportunity to express themselves creatively. Ralph LaRossa drew on his childhood as the son of an immigrant father, who entered the workforce wanting only the opportunity to prove himself, as a motivating factor in his desire to work so diligently in order to give opportunity to others in his community. Karin Weiner, on behalf of the Social Justice Committee of the Yale Alumni Association of Metropolitan New York, spoke about the importance of bringing together diversely talented groups, such as doctors and lawyers, to address the most pressing problems in society. "Each honoree gave heartfelt remarks highlighting the importance of social justice efforts for the state of New Jersey and for each of them personally," said Cornell William Brooks, Esq.

This 6th annual Gala was headlined by a list of nearly 250 attendees including many of New Jersey's most prominent social justice advocates from the worlds of non-profit, business and government. Pictures from the event can be viewed [here](#).

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Board V.P. Douglas Eakeley, Esq.



Ralph LaRossa introduced by Al Koepp, President of Newark Alliance, and presented the Corporate Leadership Award by NJISJ Board V.P. Douglas Eakeley, Esq.



Karin Weiner introduced by Sandy King, producer and co-host of NJN's Due Process, and presented the Community Builders Award by NJISJ Board V.P. Douglas Eakeley, Esq.



NJISJ staff at the 2011 Awards Gala on May 3 at NJPAC in Newark, NJ.

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