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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HANNAH KANE TO HOST A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT LOCAL NON-PROFIT BINKEEZ FOR COMFORT

Shrewsbury- State Representative Hannah Kane will host "Let Your Spirit Love," a fundraiser for local non-profit Binkeez for Comfort on Thursday, September 22nd. Co-hosted by Binkeez board members Beth Casavant, Nandana Kansra & Melissa Pride-Fahs; members of the Shrewsbury Patrolman's Union Chad Chysna, Mike McGinnis & Tim Finacom; and members of the Shrewsbury Firefighters Association Sean Lawlor, Adam Towner & Tom Schofield, this community event will be held at Ski Ward, 1000 Main Street, Shrewsbury, from 7-10pm. Guests will enjoy music by DJ Fire Chief Jim Vuona, refreshments from Struck Catering and a cash bar. Tickets, which are \$50 per person and \$75 per couple, must be purchased in advance. Checks should be made payable to Binkeez for Comfort and mailed to State Rep. Hannah Kane, P.O. Box 595, Shrewsbury. Guests will be added to a list as paper tickets will not be mailed. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information contact State Representative Hannah Kane at rephannahkane@gmail.com or Beth Casavant at bethcasavant@gmail.com or visit www.spiritofshrewsbury.org.

This is the third year that Representative Kane and Beth Casavant have co-hosted this annual event to raise funds for a local non-profit during the Spirit of Shrewsbury week, believing that Shrewsbury businesses and residents possess a remarkable and generous spirit of giving towards community efforts and helping those in need. Previous fundraisers were also co-hosted by former State Representative Matt Beaton and former Finance Committee Chair and local business owner John Masiello. The first event, "Let Your Spirit SOAR", raised over \$16,000 for Shrewsbury Oil Assistance Relief (SOAR) and funded the organization for two years. Last year's event, "Let Your Spirit Build," raised \$15,000 for the Shrewsbury Public Library Capital Campaign.

When asked about selecting Binkeez for this year's recipient, Representative Kane stated, "Many impactful non-profit organizations diligently work below the radar screen in our community, and while Binkeez for Comfort is well-known among families with children suffering from life-threatening illnesses and our police and firemen who have helped support this wonderful organization, we wanted to highlight their mission and raise funds to allow them to help care for more families struggling with the grave medical condition of their young child. I am happy to partner with so many others to host this event who care deeply for this organization."

Binkeez for Comfort is a Shrewsbury based GuideStar Platinum rated 501c3 nonprofit providing blankets made with love to children struggling to survive life-threatening illnesses and acute developmental disorders, as well as their families. Binkeez Founder, Susan R. Posterro left her career in law to carry forward the legacy of her mother Lynne, who has made more than 40,000 blankets for children in third world countries. Binkeez for Comfort blankets are constructed from fabrics that are lead free, hypoallergenic, and have been independently tested to pass Consumer Safety Act protection laws and Government safety standards. For more information visit www.Binkeezforcomfort.org.

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