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### **“LET YOUR SPIRIT SERVE” FUNDRAISER DONATES \$11,500 TO VETERANS INC.**

*Shrewsbury-* State Representative Hannah Kane recently hosted a community fundraiser which raised \$11,500 to support Veterans Inc. and their new evidence-based Clinical Stabilization Services program in Shrewsbury, serving male and female veterans with outpatient and inpatient substance abuse recovery services and addiction treatment. “Let Your Spirit Serve” was co-hosted by Selectman Beth Casavant, School Committee Member Jason Palitsch, Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services Board Member Melissa Pride-Fahs, Housing Authority Commissioner Gayle Vigeant, U.S. Air Force Veteran Melissa Byrne, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Art Dobson; veteran members of the Shrewsbury Patrolman’s Union James Lonchiadis, Michael O’Connor, Nicholas Perna, Gary Belanger, Vincent Scanlon, Brett Wester, Kyle Amato and Alicia Brownell; and veteran members of the Shrewsbury Firefighters Association Bruce Card Jr., Robert Fulginiti Jr., Benjamin Gerber, Kevin Weigold, Mike Quirion, Mark Turner, Sean Weigold, Paul Pavone, Mike Guarino, and Frank Ludovico, and held at Ski Ward on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

The crowd of about 75 attendees enjoyed a festive and casual evening thanks to music by Fire Chief Jim Vuona and refreshments from Struck Catering. Sponsors of the event include Presenting Level Sponsors Hannah Kane Charitable Foundation, Law Office of Joseph J. Cariglia, and Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union; Spirit Level Sponsor: Smook Architecture & Urban Design, Inc.; Veteran Level Sponsors: Alexi & Melissa Bobolia, Barbara Cantwell, Helen P. McLaughlin, Lamoureux Pagano & Associates, and Steve & Gayle Vigeant; and 17 Benefactor Sponsors.

“We are deeply grateful to Representative Kane, the entire host committee, and all of the attendees for their warmth and for their generous support of our veterans,” said Vincent Perrone, President & CEO of Veterans Inc. “The funds raised from the event will go towards supporting substance abuse treatment for veterans who are struggling with addiction. These men and women deserve the best care available, and the Shrewsbury community has shown loud and clear that it supports our heroes in their fight.”

This is the fourth year that Representative Kane and Selectman Beth Casavant have hosted a community fundraiser during the Spirit of Shrewsbury to raise awareness and funds for local causes. “Veterans in Massachusetts represent a disproportionate share of the substance abuse population. The challenges facing our veterans are for sure complicated many times by their very service, whether through physical and/or emotional trauma, or by the reality of re-entering a pace of life far different than they left, with new obstacles that are too daunting to address alone. Veterans Inc. and their new addiction recovery center is the first of its kind in the country to be operated by a community non-profit veterans’ organization. I am proud to join my co-hosts celebrating the generous spirit of Shrewsbury residents as we work together to support this new initiative at Veterans Inc. to help those who have served our nation as they get back on the road to recovery,” stated Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury).

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