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"LET YOUR SPIRIT SACRIFICE" FUNDRAISER DONATES \$11,000 TO SHREWSBURY FIRE AND POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Shrewsbury, MA- State Representative Hannah Kane along with fellow hosts Selectman Beth Casavant; Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services Vice-Chair Melissa Pride-Fahs; members of the Shrewsbury Patrolman's Union David Faucher, Chris Abbascia and Chad Chysna; and members of the Shrewsbury Firefighters Association Aaron Roy, Sean Lawlor and Rory Ahern gathered at Ski Ward on Thursday, September 27th to kick off the Spirit of Shrewsbury weekend by raising awareness and funds for an important local cause. "Let Your Spirit Sacrifice" raised \$11,000 for the Shrewsbury Fire and Police Relief Association, a fund established to assist families with funeral and memorial costs for deceased members of the Shrewsbury fire and police departments. Also gathered at the event were officers of the Association, President Joe Milosz, Treasurer Dave Hodgerney and Secretary Bob Ljunggren. Vice President Peter Capalbo was unable to attend.

This is the fifth year that Representative Hannah Kane and Selectman Beth Casavant have hosted a community fundraiser during the Spirit of Shrewsbury. Each year a different local charitable organization is chosen to highlight and raise funds for, focusing on the depth and breadth of local volunteer and non-profit organizations that keep our community strong and vibrant. Past events have raised funds for SOAR (Shrewsbury Oil Assistance Relief fund), the Library Capital Campaign, Binkeez for Comfort, and Veterans Inc. and over the course of five years local residents and businesses have donated over \$65,000 to support these hard-working organizations.

Presenting Sponsors for "Let Your Spirit Sacrifice" include the Hannah Kane Charitable Foundation and Chief Joseph, Robert J. Terkanian. Community Sponsors include Al's Oil Service, LLC, Bar Code Direct, Flynn's Truck Plaza, Forgues Eyecare, Lakeway Commons, and Sentry West Lincoln Mazda. There were also numerous Public Safety and Benefactor level sponsors that helped make the event a success. The Host Committee is grateful to Ski Ward for once again

providing the venue and Shrewsbury Fire Chief Jim Vuona for keeping the musical entertainment going.

One Benefactor sponsor of the event sent a note along with his donation which read "To Shrewsbury Fire and Police: Over the tears as a Shrewsbury resident, I have been helped and protected by members of both the Fire and Police departments. I want you to know how much I appreciate their professionalism and positive efforts for the residents of Shrewsbury. Thank you."

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