

MAYOR'S BALL

Health center, The Marvin to benefit

By Robert Koch

NORWALK — Mayor Harry Rilling has chosen Norwalk Community Health Center and The Marvin as recipients of the proceeds from the 2018 Mayor's Ball in January.

The Norwalk Community Health Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and federally qualified health center, has been in existence for 17 years and relies on patient fees, grants and contributions to serve people, according to a statement released by Rilling's office.

"Norwalk Community Health Center ensures everyone has access to medical, dental and behavioral health services by removing barriers such as lack of financial resources to pay," health center CEO Craig Glover said upon learning his organization would receive proceeds from the upcoming ball.

The health center, at 120 Connecticut Ave., provides adult medicine, pediatrics, women's health and behavioral health care, as well as affordable pediatric and adult dental services. Next year, the center plans to expand to a second facility in Norwalk to help



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Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and his wife, Lucia, greet guests at the Norwalk Community Ball in Stamford in January 2016.

more people, according to Rilling's office.

Under One Roof/The Marvin, a 501(c)3 nonprofit housing and day care facility, has helped the elderly since 1997 and become a national model for providing affordable housing for the elderly in

need of supportive services.

The Marvin additionally provides senior housing with optional assisted-living services along with an accredited school readiness and child care program. In 2009, the Marvin was awarded the MetLife Foundation Award

for Excellence in Affordable Housing, according to Rilling's office.

"This is a first for The Marvin," said The Marvin Executive Director Mary Windt upon learning her organization will share proceeds from the mayor's ball. "We

are absolutely thrilled. This our 20th anniversary year. We will use the money to help with operating support for the benefit of our residents."

The Mayor's Ball, a nonprofit charitable institution, takes place each January to benefit local charities. The next Mayor's Ball will be at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 at The Waters Edge at Giovanni's in Darien.

The well-attended event has traditionally been hosted in larger venues such the Italian Center (Stamford), which is currently under renovations. Due to the smaller seating capacity at The Waters Edge, guests are encouraged to send in reservations early.

Reservations with payment will be accepted until Jan. 17, or until the venue sells out, whichever comes first. Tickets are available at \$125 per person. Tables of 10 can also be reserved.

Checks should be made payable to the "Norwalk Community Benefit Fund." For information about reservations, call Maritza Alvarado at 203-854-7950.

To donate a silent auction item, call Sally Johnson, executive assistant to the mayor, at 203-854-7707.