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## **CHARITY BALL TO BENEFIT SICK 9/11 HEROES**

***“FealGood Charity Ball: an intimate evening honoring the heroes of 9/11”  
to be held at NJ’s Trump National Golf Club Colts Neck***

**NEW YORK, June 18, 2009** – Eight years ago following the World Trade Center bombing, the watchword across the nation was “We Will Never Forget.” Yet, for most Americans, the memory fades a little more with each passing day. But the thousands of brave first responders who spent weeks sifting through the burning rubble of the collapsed buildings can never forget. The terrorist attacks have become a nightmare that is—quite literally—killing them. It is estimated that 70 percent of those who served at the site are sick or have died as a result of their 9/11-related illnesses.

To keep the memory alive and honor the brave heroes of 9/11, volunteers have organized the FealGood Charity Ball slated for Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at New Jersey’s Trump National Golf Club Colts Neck. Chaired by Deborah Weiss of Colts Neck, proceeds from the formal event will go to the non-profit FealGood Foundation which raises funds and advocates for 9/11 first responders.

“It’s an American tragedy that has gripped my heart,” says Peter Grandich who along with the Spano Family Foundation is organizing the event. “Of the 40,000 people who responded to Ground Zero after the attacks, 70 percent—or 33,000—are sick, dying, or have already died as a result of their service. We are talking about thousands of EMTs, EMS workers, police, fire, military, emergency workers and volunteers from all over the country who now suffer from breathing and lung ailments, post-traumatic stress disorder, organ failure and other horrific physical and mental illnesses.”

John Feal, founder of the FealGood Foundation, says, “These people risked their lives without prejudice. There is no money in the world that is going to save their lives, but we can give them a little compassion and respect. We give them a safety and support system and give them hope.”

In addition to raising funds and awareness, the night will honor two elected officials and Grandich, all of whom have been staunch supporters of the FealGood Foundation. The honorees are Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney, US

Representative for New York's 14th District; Assemblyman David P. Rible, State Assemblyman serving New Jersey's 11th District; and Peter Grandich, founder of Trinity Financial, Sports & Entertainment Management Co.

"They call me a hero, but to me the real heroes are people like Congresswoman Maloney, Peter Grandich and Assemblyman Rible who have gone out of their way to support our cause and bring dignity to the sick and dying. I am awed by their outpouring of love and I want the world to know what they have done to help us," says Feal.

The event will include a celebrity auction, golf outing, and 50/50 and will take place at the exclusive, members-only Trump National Golf Club Colts Neck. For ticket or sponsorship information to the invitation-only event and to view the updated Celebrity Guest List, please visit [www.FealGoodCharityBall.com](http://www.FealGoodCharityBall.com), or call contact Ms. Weiss at 908-670-9896 or email [Deborahwss@optonline.net](mailto:Deborahwss@optonline.net).

Limited golfing opportunities are available to those attending the Gala. For golfer information contact James Spano at 732-947-8170.

### **About the FealGood Foundation**

The FealGood Foundation was established in 2005 by John Feal, a 9/11 First Responder who was critically wounded while working "The Pile" -- searching for survivors and victims of the attacks. As a result of his injury his foot was amputated, he had numerous surgeries, and underwent months and months of therapy to recover from the ordeal. Like many 9/11 responders, he now suffers from breathing ailments as a result of his work at the site, and can no longer work.

Based in Long Island, NY, the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization advocates and raises money for the 40,000 people who came from all over America and the world to do search, recovery and clean up at the site of the World Trade Center collapse, 70 percent of whom are now sick or have died. For more information visit [www.FealGoodFoundation.com](http://www.FealGoodFoundation.com)

### **About Peter Grandich**

An internationally noted market strategist and financial expert, Peter Grandich is Chief Commentator of Agoracom.com, North America's largest online small-cap investment center. Each day tens of thousands of people follow his blog at [www.grandich.agoracom.com](http://www.grandich.agoracom.com). Grandich is also founder of Trinity Financial Sports & Entertainment Management Company, which is based in NJ. Trinity Financial is a financial management firm founded with Lee Rouson, two-time Super Bowl champion and former NY Giant. The firm serves the public-at-large, and has a unique pro sports division to assist athletes and entertainers. For more information, go to [www.TrinityFSEM.com](http://www.TrinityFSEM.com).

### **About Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney**

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-14) of New York has extensive accomplishments on financial services, national security, the economy, and women's issues. She is the first woman to represent New York's 14th Congressional District and is currently the first woman to Chair the Joint Economic Committee, a House and Senate

panel that examines and addresses the nation's most pressing economic issues. She is a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee (and immediate past chair of its Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee), a senior member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and co-founder of the House 9/11 Commission Caucus. She has doggedly fought for full federal assistance to help the city rebuild from 9/11, most recently helping secure federal aid to fund the health care needs of those made sick by the toxic air at Ground Zero.

#### **About Assemblyman Dave Rible**

Assemblyman David Rible (R-11) of New Jersey is Deputy Conference Leader of the New Jersey Assembly Republicans. He currently serves on the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee and the Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee. A former decorated police officer who retired after sustaining an injury in the apprehension of a suspect, Rible resides in Wall Township, NJ with his wife and daughter.

#### **About The Spano Family Charitable Foundation**

The Spano Family Charitable Foundation was formed in 2005 in honor of Joseph Spano, Senior. Its motto "Helping Hands, Linking Lives" is meant to remind us we are all inexorably linked in a community of individuals greater than ourselves – be it a local, national or international community. The Foundation's goal is to use our time, talent, and treasure to find ways to give others a hand up rather than a hand out. The Foundation is a major supporter of The Cerebral Palsy Association of New Jersey, the Friends of the Monmouth County Child Advocacy Center, the Bridge Community Church, which is building a community center in a remote region of Swaziland in Africa, as well as the FealGood Foundation. For more information, go to [www.SpanoPartners.com](http://www.SpanoPartners.com) or email [spanofamilyfoundation@verizon.net](mailto:spanofamilyfoundation@verizon.net).

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