

ELISE FELIX RUBIN AND HOWARD RUBIN TO BE HONORED FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Elise Felix Rubin and her husband, Howard Rubin, of Old Bethpage, NY will be honored at the annual *Toast to Success*, a cocktail reception to benefit JCCA's Compass Project on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Compass enables young adults on the autism spectrum to achieve educational goals, socialization and find meaningful employment. The event will be held at Hendrick's Tavern, 1305 Old Northern Boulevard, Roslyn, New York, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$100 and sponsorships start at \$1,000. JCCA provides comprehensive care to thousands of abused, neglected and traumatized children, young people and their families. JCCA also helps those struggling with disabilities and complex mental illness, and disadvantaged Jewish immigrants.

Elise Felix Rubin, LCSW, is a clinical social worker with more than 30 years' experience assisting people with disabilities. Formerly the Director of JCCA's Compass Project for 21 years, she is currently a policy and planning executive at UJA-Federation of New York.

Howard Rubin is a Senior Partner at Goetz Fitzpatrick LLP. He provides general counsel, transactional and litigation services and acts as a sounding board for new ideas and developments for his clients' businesses. He is also President of the Herbert M. Citrin Charitable Foundation which supports education and programs for people with special needs.

According to Ronald E. Richter, CEO of JCCA, "Elise and Howard so richly deserve this award. Individually and collectively, they have made a profound impact on the lives of thousands of people with special needs. They have empowered them to learn, grow and succeed in their careers and in life."

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact events@jccany.org or call Laura Rosen at 212-558-9913.

JCCA provides comprehensive care to thousands of children, young people and families who come from New York's many diverse communities. Since 1822, we have embraced those who need us most -- abused, neglected and traumatized young people who are struggling with poverty, developmental disabilities and complex mental illness. We also work with disadvantaged Jewish immigrants and with Jewish children and their families in support of Jewish continuity. Our programs include foster and residential care, educational assistance and remediation, case management for young people with mental health challenges and services to families to prevent child abuse and maltreatment. JCCA offers safety, stability and lifesaving support to help our clients transform their lives. In everything we do, we are guided by the Jewish mandate of *tikkun olam* – the responsibility of every person to make the world a better place.

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