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Long Island Hospitality Ball
Carlyle on the Green
Bethpage State Park
99 Quaker Meeting House Road
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all gathered at the Carlyle on the Green for the First Annual Long Island Hospitality Ball to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Organized by restaurateur and cancer survivor Keith Hart and supported by the Long Island Hospitality Industry, this event demonstrates the best of the human spirit. It highlights the eagerness of people – in this case, Long Island's most popular chefs, restaurants and owners – to come together in unselfish kinship, with cancer the common enemy.

The fight against cancer is a battle that can and will be won, and everyone present tonight can take great pride in knowing that by joining together for a meaningful cause, you contribute to the progress that continues to be made. By addressing a most difficult diagnosis with care, compassion and knowledge, you offer the hope and promise of survival to patients and their families.

Congratulations to your distinguished honorees: Bobby Grippo, Dante E. Paganini, and Willam Regan. Their unwavering advocacy on behalf of those challenged by this disease gives us real hope that we are approaching the day when cancer no longer affects our lives and the lives of those we love. Their spirit and generous support makes it possible for the American Cancer Society to pursue its ambitious goals, and reminds us of the significant and lasting contributions we can each make to the health and welfare of humanity.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for a successful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Cuomo", written over a white background.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

