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**ANNUAL IMAGINE BENEFIT RAISES FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE
USE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN PUTNAM COUNTY**

***Putnam Family & Community Services Honors Judge James F. Reitz for his Ongoing
Support and Dedication to our Community***

Putnam County, NY – Supporters of Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc. (PFCS) came together for dinner, dancing, and fun at the Salem Golf Club on Friday, October 14th to “Imagine...Stronger Communities through Stronger Families,” a shared dedication to the community’s health now and in the future. Proceeds from the event allow PFCS, the only private, non-profit provider of licensed mental health and substance use treatment and prevention services in Putnam County, to continue to offer accessible and affordable care to all in need in the lower Hudson Valley.

In addition to dinner, dancing, and a lively silent auction, the Annual Sid Gibson IMAGINE Award was presented to the Honorable James F. Reitz in recognition of his ongoing dedication to the well-being of youth, adults, and families in the community. “We are so pleased to honor Judge James F. Reitz. He is fully invested in supporting our young children and their families and believes whole-heartedly in giving hope for second chances,” stated PFCS Chief Executive Officer Diane E. Russo. A longtime supporter of PFCS’s mission to offer hope and recovery, Judge Reitz added, “It was truly a privilege and honor to spend time with all the friends, family and colleagues of Putnam Family and Community Services. It is all about hope for our future by working together with kindness and respect.”

The event also featured a special guest speaker who shared a deeply personal and moving account of how PFCS helped her child and family recover from a tragic time in their lives. As Kristin Burke, Chairman of the Benefit Committee commented, “Your story expresses the impact that I know PFCS has on the people we serve better than any words that I could ever use. It truly shows how the work we do makes a real and significant impact in our communities.”

Attendance at the event was highlighted by local and state notables, including: New York State Assemblywoman Sandra Galef; Legislative Director Tom Mintz, from the Office of Representative Sean Maloney, as well as Director of Grants, Nancy Montgomery; Putnam County Undersheriff Peter Convery; Putnam County Chief Assistant District Attorney, Joseph J. Fonseca; Commissioner of Putnam County’s Department of Social Services and Mental Health and Youth Bureau, Michael J. Piazza, Jr.; and Deputy Commissioner of Putnam County’s Department of Social Services and Mental Health and Youth Bureau, Joseph DeMarzo.

The event was generously sponsored by Stacey Gibson; a Garrison Family; Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union; AkzoNobel; Stephen M. Santoro, Sr., P.C.; South Putnam Animal Hospital; Kathleen M. Valletta, Esq. & Stamatia Dewbury, Esq.; Clifton Budd & DeMaria, LLP; Meridian Benefits Consulting; M&T Bank; NYSEG; Putnam County Tourism; Rose & Kiernan, Inc.; Christopher X. Maher, Esq.; NYAPRS; and Anthony and Anna Mirdita.

About Putnam Family & Community Services

Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc. (PFCS) is the only private non-profit agency providing recovery-based mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services in Putnam County, NY. PFCS offers hope and healing to people of all ages through a comprehensive range of services including individual and group treatment, care management, family advocacy, parenting education, community outreach, psychiatric rehabilitation, and medication management. For more information, please visit www.pfcsinc.org or [www.Facebook.com/PFCSinc](https://www.facebook.com/PFCSinc).

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