

FOUR MAJOR LONG ISLAND REAL ESTATE PROJECTS TO BE SPOTLIGHTED AT MAY 18 DEVELOPERS' SHOWCASE

JERICHO, NY (May 1, 2005) -- Four new Long Island real estate projects will be spotlighted on May 18 at "A Developers' Showcase" fundraiser sponsored by The Long Island Real Estate Group.

The showcase and cocktail party will take place at the Bel Aire, a 94-unit, 55-and-over condominium project in East Meadow, from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The Bel Aire, at 50 Merrick Ave., developed by Engel Burman Group, is one of the projects that will be featured. The other projects are: T. Weiss Realty Corp.'s Melville Corporate Center III, a shopping center in Central Islip planned by Westbury Realty Ventures LP and Homewood Suites by Hilton in Melville. Representatives from each of the developers will be present to answer questions about their projects.

Established in January, 2004, the Long Island Real Estate is an organization of real estate developers, owners and allied trades, who have come together to raise funds for charitable real estate related projects on Long Island. The organization provides a tangible way for real estate professionals to give back to the communities that have been the source of their success.

The May 18 showcase will benefit Ronald McDonald House of Long Island and the Hospice Care Network, each of which previously received \$8,000 generated by LIREG's inaugural developers showcase in November.

In addition to its charitable focus, LIREG provides a strong platform for networking among real estate developers and the allied trades.

Tickets to the May 18 showcase are \$125 each in advance for LIREG members, \$150 for non members and \$175 at the door. For tickets, contact Hillary Moss of First Development Corp., (631) 234-3200 or through the Internet at www.LIREG.org. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. For information on these contact Linda Davis at pkyre01@aol.com or (516) 333-0800.

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