

# EXPONENTS

*Annual Gala*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024**

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# GREETINGS

## FRIENDS OF EXPONENTS,

Your presence here tonight serves as a testament to the power of recovery. For thirty-five years Exponents has pioneered compassionate, client-centered care that transforms lives and empowers each participant to take control of their recovery from addiction, stigma, and economic insecurities. Your generosity will allow Exponents to continue its mission to improve health, ignite hope, and expand our reach in the communities we serve. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Exponents family, and, especially the dynamic individuals we serve -we thank you.



Samantha, Joe, & Regina  
Executive Team

# HONORING

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## INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

### John Tavolacci

This Award recognizes a trailblazing thought leader for their career of service to the underserved communities of New York City. This year, we are honored to recognize John Tavolacci, EVP and Chief Operating Officer of Odyssey House.

For more than three decades, John has worked in addiction treatment and has actively participated in advocacy efforts at the city, state, and federal levels. His innovative approach to addiction treatment led to the creation of “Run for Your Life,” a fitness program integrated into rehabilitation. The program trains Odyssey House residents to become runners, participating in various charity races throughout the year and culminating in the New York City marathon. We are exceedingly proud to present him with our Innovative Leadership Award.



# HONORING

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## EXEMPLARY SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

### Julio Medina

The Exponents Exemplary Social Justice Award is a new category that recognizes a proactive leader for their career of frontline advocacy for the underserved communities of New York City. This year we honor, Julio Medina, Founder, President & CEO of Exodus Transitional Community.

While serving his own 12-year prison sentence, Julio witnessed the profound pain of his peers and their intense desire to transform their lives. The creation of Exodus represents Julio's commitment to other incarcerated individuals, his community, and faith. His accomplishments have been featured in the New York Times, the Economist, C-Span, the Daily News and more, speaking to the power of transformation. We are honored to present him with our Exemplary Social Justice Award.



# HONORING

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## CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Exponents is honored to recognize Gilead Sciences, Inc and its longstanding relationship with our agency. Founded by Michael L. Riordan, Gilead Sciences is a pioneer of virology medicines making a significant impact in oncology, advances in HIV treatment and prevention, and delivering innovations once thought impossible in medicine.

George B. Gates is the Executive Community Liaison for the Manhattan district of Gilead Sciences. George has over three decades of experience in community health education championing the LGBTQ and minority populations, and advocating for HIV awareness and prevention. He is an experienced educator in the realm of HIV/AIDS where he provides training and technical expertise to community stakeholders to build strategic partnerships with health departments to respond to community needs specific to HIV/AIDS. We are proud to honor Gilead Sciences, Inc. and acknowledge George B. Gates with the Corporate Partner of the Year Award.

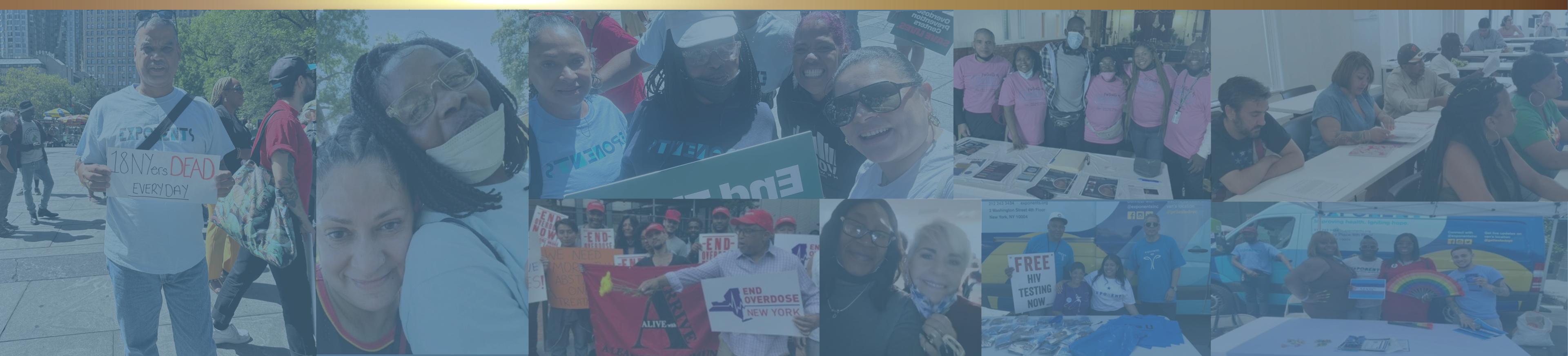




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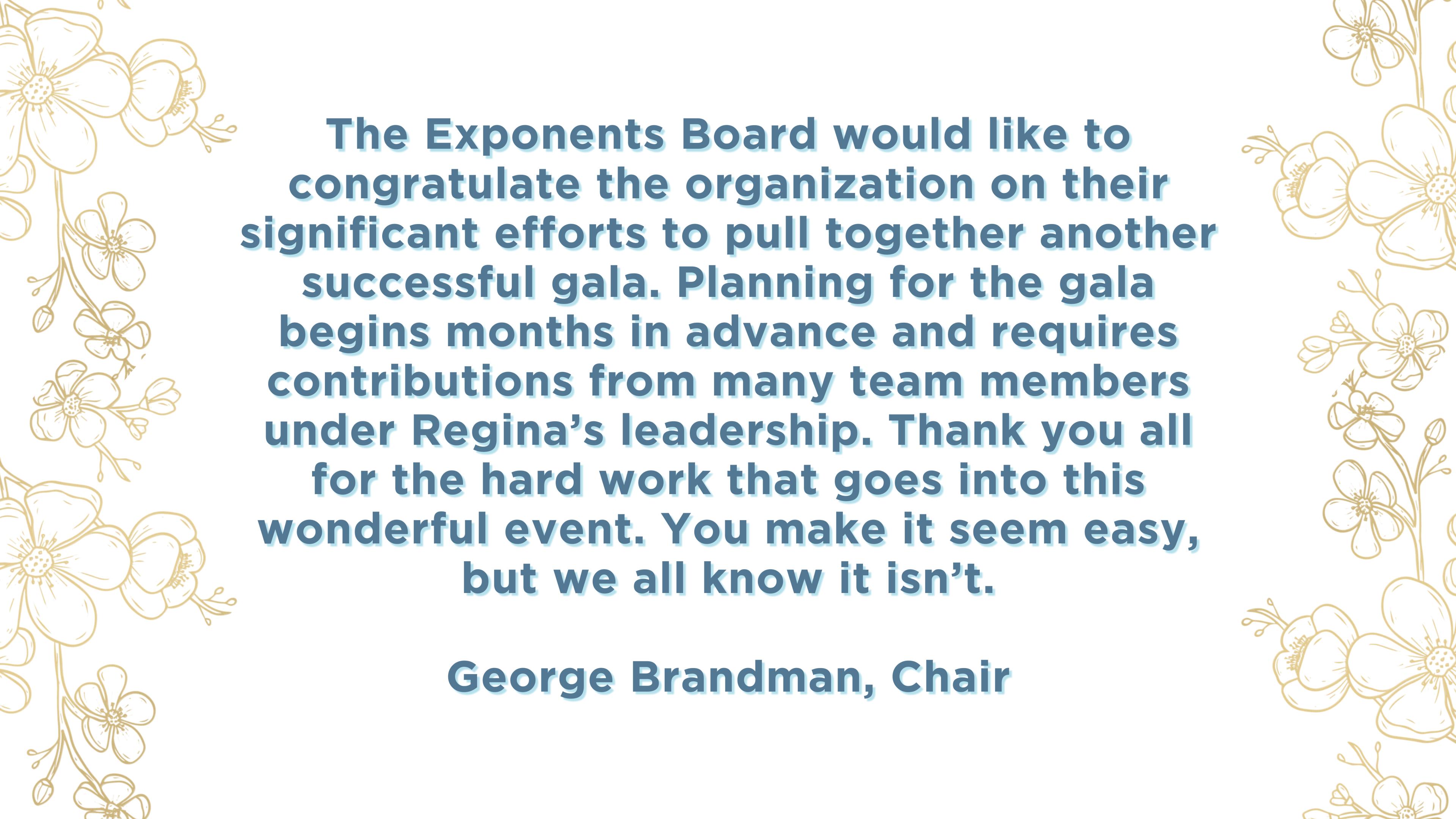
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**The Exponents Board would like to congratulate the organization on their significant efforts to pull together another successful gala. Planning for the gala begins months in advance and requires contributions from many team members under Regina's leadership. Thank you all for the hard work that goes into this wonderful event. You make it seem easy, but we all know it isn't.**

**George Brandman, Chair**



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**Congratulations  
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Award**

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# Congratulations

to all honorees on their  
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*John Tavolacci - Innovative Leadership Award*

*Julio Medina - Exemplary Social Justice Award*

*Gilead Sciences, Inc. - Corporate Partner of the Year Award*

**Ann-Marie K. Foster, President & CEO**  
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We Congratulate John Tavolacci, Julio  
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Annual Gala Honorees**

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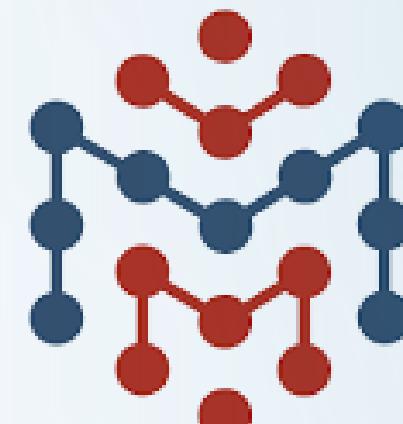
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