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## Community celebrates 25th anniversary of giving



*An ice sculpture by Chef Leon Roberge commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Evening of Giving to benefit Roland's House.*

*Bob Kays, event chair, is introduced by Susan Gentili, division director, South Middlesex Opportunity Council.*

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Marlborough – Hundreds of guests supported the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Evening of Giving, held Dec. 4 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel. They sampled offerings from 29 eateries, then treated themselves to make-your-own-sundaes from Trombetta's Farm.

Chef Leon Roberge returned with his popular shrimp and raw bar, this year decorated with his sculpture commemorating the fundraiser's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Once again, Bob Kays served as event chair with Ivette Mesmar coordinating the food.

Proceeds go to Roland's House, the Marlborough-Hudson homeless shelter. According to the evening's program, "In the 25-year history, this event has raised over \$750,000 to support the operations of this important community resource."

Guests were encouraged to bring personal items such as socks and toiletries to be donated to Roland's House. New this year, items were also collected for the Willis House, a family shelter in Hudson.

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Ann Addeo and Brooke Markowitz dance with music provided by deejay Matt Ruffing.



Dottie Tozeski and Jake Mongeau make their own sundaes with ingredients provided by Trombetta Farms.



Rachel LeClair and Betty Remillard of Marlborough Country Club offer guests lobster bisque.



Collecting personal items for Roland's House and the Willis House are (l to r) Marlborough High School senior Tony Maenhout, junior Fatima Awada, and freshman Ivana Awada.



Nanette Roberge and her award-winning father Chef Leon Roberge pose with his sculpture, adorning his shrimp and raw bar.