



**MESSAGE FROM THE CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



May 17, 2018 marked a truly special occasion for EIHAB Human Services: our 20th Anniversary Gala, held at the magnificent Oheka Castle in Huntington, New York. More than 400 guests gathered at the majestic location, where we commemorated two decades of extraordinary

care to individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

It was a fitting evening to honor the work of two of our supporters who mirror our mission of transforming lives and making a difference: New York State Senator Elaine Phillips and College of Mount Saint Vincent Executive Vice President and Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, Abed A. Elkeshk, who Chairs EIHAB's Board of Trustees. We were also thrilled to recognize Jeffrey Mroz, an IRA supportive resident who works diligently at EIHAB's Springfield Day Habilitation Program. Mr. Mroz' outstanding achievements exemplify EIHAB's mission to ensure our Individuals

reach their goals and live fulfilling, productive lives in the community.

One of the most moving moments of the evening was our memorial balloon drop – EIHAB's tribute to our agency's late founders: Dr. Fatma Abboud and Mr. Eihab Hegazy. I am honored to be carrying on the wonderful legacy they left behind, as my staff and I remain committed to further growing the agency and delivering the best possible care to the hundreds of individuals we serve.

Thank you to our incredible donors, sponsors and gala committee for helping to make our 20th Anniversary Gala a success. We were able to raise approximately \$120,000 – crucial funds that will help enhance our programs and services. Your support helps us to improve more lives and for that, I am very grateful. Here's to 20 more amazing years – and beyond!

Sincerely,

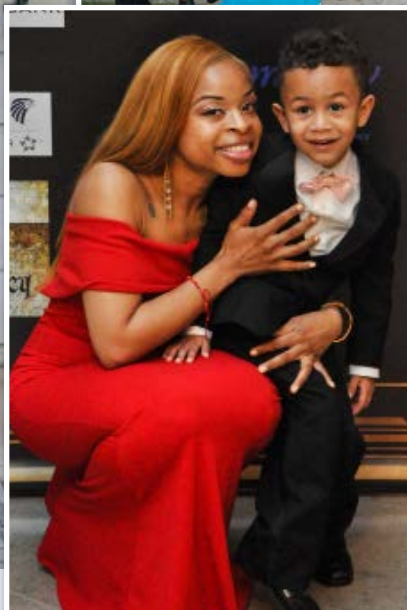
Ahmed Hegazy  
CEO/Executive Director

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM EIHAB'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

It was an evening to remember, as hundreds of EIHAB staff, individuals, families, and donors gathered at beautiful Oheka Castle to celebrate 20 years of exceptional life-changing services.

The event, emceed by WABC-TV Eyewitness News reporter Kristin Thorne, featured a terrific band, lavish cocktail hour and dinner reception, live auction and a touching video presentation that brilliantly captured EIHAB's heartfelt mission. We honored two longtime supporters - New York State Senator Elaine Phillips and our esteemed Board of Trustees Chairman, Abed A. Elkeshk; and we honored an EIHAB individual, Jeffery Mroz, who continues to meet his goals and expand his impressive skill set. We lovingly remembered our founders, Dr. Fatma Abboud and Mr. Eihab Hegazy, and commemorated the agency's rich history.

Wonderful memories were made and attendees had a fantastic time!





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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 HONOREES

*Their dedication and community spirit exemplify the importance of giving back to others and impacting lives.*

### SENATOR ELAINE PHILLIPS

Senator Elaine Phillips represents the Seventh Senate District in Nassau County. During her career in public service and in the private sector, Ms. Phillips' trustworthy leadership has continuously delivered results by bringing people together.



Prior to joining the Senate, Ms. Phillips served as the Mayor of the Village of Flower Hill, where she worked to restore fiscal responsibility to the Village, deliver tax relief, improve services to residents and overhaul the Village's ethics policy. She also helped to deliver state aid to area schools and municipalities to ease the financial strain on Long Island families.

In the private sector, Ms. Phillips led a distinguished 25-year career in financial services, including positions at Met Life, JP Morgan Securities and Goldman Sachs, where she served as Vice President in Institutional Sales. A graduate of Penn State University, Ms. Phillips currently resides in the Village of Flower Hill with her family.



### ABED A. ELKESHK

Abed A. Elkeshk serves as Chairman of EIHAB's Board of Trustees, helping to ensure high quality care for individuals with developmental disabilities and behavioral challenges. His dedication to improving the lives of others extends to his work with the Egypt Cancer Network, where he serves as Tri-State Chapter Leader. He is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Egyptian American Community Foundation, a nonprofit supporting humanitarian and social initiatives in Egypt and the United States. Additionally, Mr. Elkeshk is the Founder of the International Egyptian Women's Club, a nonprofit dedicated to elevating the lives of Egyptian women and children in the United States, Egypt and around the world.



As Executive Vice President and Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Mr. Elkeshk is responsible for financial planning, corporate compliance and the reporting of investments and auditing. A member of the President's cabinet, he is instrumental in shaping school policies, and also supports several Board committees. In addition, Mr. Elkeshk oversees many departments at the school, including payroll, legal and human resources.





## **JEFFREY MROZ**

In his ten years at EI HAB, Jeffrey Mroz has been committed to helping others and increasing productivity at the agency. He volunteered at EI HAB's Main Office for three years assisting with several clerical tasks, and later began working at our Springfield Day Habilitation Program, where he has developed strong leadership skills. He never hesitates to take charge and assist his peers when they need a hand.

Jeffrey's skill set continues to expand at the agency. His range of office skills includes answering phones, faxing/filing documents and overseeing inventory of janitorial supplies. EI HAB's Direct Support Professionals have trained Jeffrey to correctly complete a work application and to budget his finances. He now travels independently in the community and regularly demonstrates the excellent money management skills he has acquired.

He has successfully achieved many of his goals and hopes to accomplish new ones in the future, such as moving into his own apartment.



Jeffrey's confidence, perseverance and self-sufficiency have grown tremendously since joining EI HAB's Queens Village Day Habilitation Program as a timid young man in April 2008. He is a true testament to EI HAB's mission of enhancing the lives of individuals in need.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS FOR SUPPORTING AND SHARING OUR SPECIAL MILESTONE!**

*Every contribution we receive is vital to increasing individuals' independent living skills, socialization and quality of life in the community.*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STAFF FOR THEIR RECENT PROMOTIONS.**

- **Kareen Haynes** will be the new Manager for the Apartments
- **Janessa Riche** Client Coordinator Springfield Day Hab

- **Nordica Clark** Assistant Program Coordinator Springfield Day Hab



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