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## **Melissa and Joseph Kelly, Jr. to be Honored at 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala for Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children**

PATERSON, NJ – Oasis is proud to honor Melissa and Joseph Kelly, Jr. of Franklin Lakes at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual “Gala of Hope” at the Venetian in Garfield on Friday, April 24, 2015 beginning at 6:00pm. Each year, this celebration raises funds to support the adult education, youth development, and basic needs programs and services of this Paterson non-profit focused on helping women and children break the cycle of poverty.

“We are so excited to celebrate Joe and Melissa this year,” noted Oasis Executive Director Jennifer Brady. “They both are passionate believers in our mission of empowerment and have given of their time, talent, and treasure in its service. Melissa and Joe have been involved in many of our fundraising events over the years, even when living abroad in London.”

Joe Kelly, President and Chief Operating Officer of OTC Global Holdings, currently serves on the Oasis Board of Directors, helping to steer the organization and providing expertise in areas of finance and strategic planning. He has also co-chaired the Oasis gala in previous years and spearheaded the creation of an annual golf outing to benefit Oasis. Joe and Melissa are also owners of the popular Bergen County restaurant, Valley Stables Food and Drink in Oakland, as well as Post 154 in Westport, Connecticut.

The “Gala of Hope” begins with a cocktail reception and silent auction, followed by dinner, dancing, a jewelry raffle and a live auction. Music provided by Bud Maltin Metropolitan Music. Tickets are \$350 per person and can be purchased at [www.oasisnj.org](http://www.oasisnj.org). For more information, please contact Lynn McCormack at [lynnmccormack@oasisnj.org](mailto:lynnmccormack@oasisnj.org), or (973) 881-8307 x108.

### **About Oasis - A Haven for Women and Children**

Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Paterson, New Jersey whose mission is to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate, and empower women and children in need. These programs include GED, ESL and Computer classes for adults; a Workplace Readiness Program; the Michael Wagner After-School Program; the Carl’s Kids Summer Camp; the Paterson Youth Photography Program; the Teen Empowerment and Enrichment Network; and basic needs services that include weekday breakfast and lunch in our soup kitchen, a food pantry, diapers and other baby needs, and emergency clothing distribution. Learn more at [www.oasisnj.org](http://www.oasisnj.org).

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