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In the Spotlight Continues Charity Tradition by Supporting Oasis in Paterson

Paterson, NJ - **In the Spotlight**, NJ's premier dance studio, will hold its annual benefit performance on **December 11, 2016 at 3:30pm** at **Bergen County Academies Auditorium (200 Hackensack Ave. Hackensack, NJ 07601)**, celebrating 15 years of making a difference in the community and donating over \$800,000 to worthy charities. This year's charity beneficiary is **Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children** in Paterson, NJ, which serves over 600 women and children daily through adult education classes, youth development opportunities, and social service programs.

This professionally produced performance draws an audience of 1,200 people and features the In the Spotlight Dance Company as well as top notch singers, musicians and dancers from Broadway, *So You Think You Can Dance* and *America's Got Talent*. "We feel it is important to use our talents to give back to the community. Our benefit and the work the dancers put into the performance are what we are most proud of each year," says Tom Karaty, In the Spotlight owner. Through the annual benefit performance show in prior years, In the Spotlight has raised money for NJ 9/11 Relief Fund, United Way, YCS (Youth Consultation Services), Covenant House, and Iron Matt.

"We are so blessed to continue this long-standing partnership with In the Spotlight," said Oasis Executive Director Jennifer Brady. "We don't know what's better - the generosity of the Karatys and the studio families or the fun the children of our After-School Program have being part of the benefit performance! We are very grateful to the entire Karaty family for choosing us again as the charity beneficiary of this special event, and for those who have stepped up as sponsors in support of Oasis."

"Our collaboration with Oasis has extended beyond just the benefit performance," noted Natasha Karaty. "We kicked things off with a Ladies Night in November where we already raised close to \$10,000 for Oasis. It was so great to have a fun night and be able to raise money for this important cause at the same time. Additionally, we have welcomed support from local businesses as sponsors of the Ladies Night and Benefit Performance, including Heritage Inc., DiPiazza Construction, The Dance Bag, Fountain Interiors and Chateau Salon."

To purchase tickets for the benefit (\$20 per ticket), contact In the Spotlight at 201-670-6797 or itsbenefit@gmail.com. Also contact In The Spotlight to purchase raffle tickets for prizes including 5 vacation packages, a Sony 65" SMART HDTV, fitness package and a sports package.

To become a sponsor of the ITS benefit or to donate directly to Oasis, please visit <http://oasisnj.org/events/its>.

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