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**Bright Light Awards to be presented at
CHAMP Homes' "Go Light the World" Gala
May 16, 2018 at Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Harwich**

Hyannis, May 3rd, 2018 - CHAMP Homes is pleased to announce that the Bright Light Awards will be presented at the "Go Light the World" Gala to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 16, 2018 at the Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Harwich. Tickets are available at www.champhomes.org or by calling Elise Terry at (508) 771-0885.

The Bright Light Awards recipients are:

- **Jill Scalise**, Housing Coordinator, Town of Brewster, has been a steadfast advocate for those who have lived in the margins. She's best known for her work with the chronically homeless to bring them from the streets into shelter and walks alongside them as they better their lives and live into sobriety.
- **Michelle Aceto**, CARN, has been critical to the care of the residents at CHAMP Homes and is also well known as a nurse-advocate and liaison between homeless and individuals with severe mental health issues and Cape Cod Hospital and other providers.
- **Sergeant Jen Ellis** and **Officer Jason Sturgis** of the Barnstable Police Department, are being recognized for their positive impact on the Cape and Islands community. They have helped CHAMP Homes in many difficult and sometimes dangerous situations. They're both original members of the Community Impact Unit which collaborates with multiple local and state agencies to address issues related to homelessness, mental illness, and substance abuse. Sergeant Ellis and Officer Sturgis have taken a leadership role in creating a comprehensive systematic approach to increasing the quality of life for their community and bridging the gap between communities and police. Their work has ultimately enhanced public safety through cooperation, collaboration, and trust building.
- **Paul Costa**, a local Cape Codder, recovering from surgery and on the verge of becoming homeless, entered a program of CHAMP Homes for men seeking a sober life. Paul worked hard, was successful, and graduated to a Transitional program. He is now a self-sufficient, working member of his community, employed as the Maintenance Chief at CHAMP Homes and continues giving back through volunteering his time and skills. Paul represents the epitome of the work done at CHAMP Homes.

The "Go Light the World" event, an evening of 'good cheer and gratitude', will include cocktails (cash bar) and silent auction on the terrace overlooking Pleasant Bay, a sumptuous buffet dinner, and a live auction and music. For tickets, please go to www.champhomes.org/gala2018 or call (508) 771-0885 and ask for Elise Terry.

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