

MEDIA ALERT



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**GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER 17th ANNUAL GOLDEN HEART AWARDS CELEBRATION
HONORS SCARLETT JOHANSSON AND BEN PLATT, WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY
J. HARRISON GHEE**

With Surprise Performance by Mary J. Blige

On Monday, October 16th, [God's Love We Deliver](#)—NYC's **only** nonprofit provider of medically tailored meals and nutrition services for individuals living with severe illness—hosted their 17th annual **Golden Heart Awards**.

The night kicked off with a cocktail hour featuring cocktails and refreshments from the timeless classic **Indochine**. Guests enjoyed delicious French-Vietnamese fusion bites and creative cocktails while enjoying music from **DJ Lina Bradford** and performances choreographed by **Nick Laughlin**.

Attendees were then seated for dinner and the annual awards presentation, which featured a special performance by Tony Award-winning actor **J. Harrison Ghee**, currently starring in *Some Like It Hot* on Broadway. The night included remarks by **Michael Kors, Cynthia Erivo, God's Love We Deliver President & CEO David Ludwigson, Rupert Friend, Matt Damon, and David Foster**. The evening's honorees, **Ben Platt and Scarlett Johansson**, were honored for their work on behalf of causes addressing AIDS, cancer, hunger, and inclusion.

During the auction, guests bid on items to support the organization's [CONNECTED program](#), providing medically tailored meals and nutrition education and counseling to former U.S. military members living with chronic illness, mental health challenges, and/or substance use challenges.

The evening raised more than \$3.5 million, funding more than 350,000 nutritionally tailored meals for the clients and families of God's Love We Deliver.

The evening ended with a surprise performance by **Mary J. Blige**.

Golden Heart Award for Excellence in the Arts: **Ben Platt**

Golden Heart Award for Philanthropy & Activism: **Scarlett Johansson**

Special performance by: **J. Harrison Ghee**

Honorary Chairwoman: **Anna Wintour**

Co-Chairs: **Huma Abedin, Blaine, Ariana DeBose, Neil Patrick Harris & David Burtka, John Idol, Christopher Jackson, Michael Kors, Jordan Roth, and Samantha Rudin**

Notables in attendance: **Cynthia Erivo, Rupert Friend, Matt Damon, Ashley Park, Nicole Ari Parker, Beanie Feldstein, Noah Galvin, Julianna Margulies, Neil Patrick Harris & David Burtka, David Foster, Patina Miller, Erich Bergen, Grace Elizabeth, Alex Newell, Sai de Silva, Tina Leung, Pritika Swarup, Olivia Perez, Jessica Wang, Tyrod Taylor, Olivia McDowell, Miss Universe R'Bonney Gabriel, Dorinda Medley, Luann de Lesseps**

The Golden Heart Awards serve as a shining example of how non-profits can leverage the resources of the private sector to strengthen their impact and create solutions to pervasive issues like food and nutrition insecurity. Since 1985, God's Love We Deliver has been cooking and home-delivering medically tailored meals to individuals living with severe and chronic illness. God's Love is the ONLY organization in New York City providing medically tailored meals and nutrition education and counseling to people affected by severe illness, with demand for services up 30% in the last year. Fundraising events like the Golden Heart Awards allow God's Love to continue providing free, life-saving services to New Yorkers affected by severe and chronic illness.

The Golden Heart Awards celebration was held just days after God's Love We Deliver launched their first PSA in twenty years, voiced by iconic New Yorkers Rosie Perez and Zoe Saldaña. View the PSA in English [here](#) and in Spanish [here](#).

Golden Heart Awards Director: **Erich Bergen**

To learn more about God's Love We Deliver, visit glwd.org.

Links to images from the evening:

Patrick McMullan via Getty Image: <https://dam.gettyimages.com/assignments/golden-heart-awards-2023>