

Tenth Annual COPE Benefit at Paper Mill Playhouse on December 1

The COPE Center, Inc., will be hosting its Tenth Annual COPE Benefit this year at the Paper Mill Playhouse production of “*A Wonderful Life*,” on December 1, 2006, at 5:30 P.M.

“This benefit is our major fundraiser of the year,” explains Sue Garfinkel-Seidenfeld, COPE executive director, “in which our sponsors, patrons, and other benefactors come out to support our organization and to enjoy an evening socializing with each other.” She adds, “the benefit committee, chaired by Jane Berry of Roseland, Janet Nevius of Essex Fells, and John Finney of Montclair, has planned a wonderful night for our guests that includes cocktails, a pre-theatre buffet, and a silent auction of fabulous gifts, all leading up to the theatre performance, which is a musical adaptation of the Frank Capra film ‘It’s A Wonderful Life.’”

A limited number of tickets for the annual benefit are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The ticket price is \$150 each. Preferred seating is also available in the Patron Category for \$250 each or in the Sponsor Category for \$500 each. A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible. To order tickets, make your check payable to COPE Center, Inc., and mail it to COPE Center, Inc., 94 Park Street, Montclair, NJ 07042, by November 15, 2006. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

COPE is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing quality behavioral health-care services that are affordable, accessible, and responsive to individual, family, and community needs. The letters of COPE’s name stand for Counseling, Outreach, Prevention, and Education, all areas in which the agency’s professional staff is actively engaged in programs throughout Essex County and surrounding areas, including the centers in Montclair and Verona. Its counselors work in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, family crises, problems in daily living, and AIDS. COPE was started over 30 years ago by the Junior League of Montclair and the United Way of North Essex.

Information on any of COPE’s programs is available by calling 973-783-6659 or by visiting the agency’s Web site, www.copecenter.net.