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PRESS RELEASE

GHI Mets Magic Award Presented to NYPD Sergeant Andy Kunz

Honor Received for Commitment to Raising Funds for the Detectives Endowment Association Widows' and Children's Fund

(New York, NY – June 3, 2004) Group Health Incorporated (GHI) and the New York Mets have chosen Andy Kunz of Commack, NY, as this season's first recipient of the GHI Mets Magic Award. Sergeant Kunz is being honored for his tireless work and commitment in raising funds for the Detectives' Endowment Association (DEA) Widows' and Children's Fund. The award will be presented by a Mets player and Gary P. Scarmato, Senior Account Executive of Sales for GHI, at Shea Stadium on Thursday, June 3, in a pre-game, on-field ceremony at 7:00 PM.

The GHI Mets Magic Award is a community-service award presented bi-monthly during the baseball season to a local individual or group. In giving this award, GHI looks for individuals who have made important contributions to their communities without seeking publicity or notoriety for their efforts. As part of his award, Sergeant Kunz will receive a \$1,000 donation for the DEA Widows' and Children's Fund, a personalized Mets jersey, crystal trophy, and approximately 80 Mets tickets.

"The fundraisers Sergeant Kunz has organized over the past seven years, and especially since September 11, have made an enormous difference in the lives of countless families," said Frank J. Branchini, GHI's President and CEO. "He has shown a generosity of spirit above and beyond the call of duty, and we at GHI are pleased to give Sergeant Kunz the recognition he deserves."

Andy Kunz has been with the NYPD for more than 17 years. He is a member of the Intelligence Unit, working out of Queens. Sergeant Kunz responded to the call at the World Trade Center on September 11, and afterwards volunteered at the site, putting in 12-hour days. In his efforts to raise money for the DEA Widows' and Children's Fund, Sergeant Kunz organizes golf outings, cigar dinners and dinner dances. In 2002, Sergeant Kunz raised \$65,000 alone at a dinner dance he organized.

"I started out small, but then I really got involved in doing this, especially after September 11," said Sergeant Kunz. "What can happen to children and families, things that are out of their control, is so unfair. I have two beautiful kids who have everything they need, so I'm happy to do this for the children who need help."



“Andy Kunz is a good family man, who devotes a lot of his free time to benefit needy children and widows,” said Rick Tirelli, Secretary of the DEA. “He’s a great guy to know and a great friend.

GHI is a statewide not-for-profit health insurer serving New Yorkers since 1937. GHI and its wholly-owned subsidiary, GHI HMO, provide health insurance and administrative services to more than 2.6 million people. GHI offers customers a variety of medical, hospital, dental, prescription drug, and vision options, as well as administrative-services-only arrangements. For additional information, visit GHI’s Web site at www.ghi.com.

The Detectives' Endowment Association Widows' and Children's Fund, Inc. provides educational and medical assistance, chiefly in the form of health benefits, to needy spouses and children of deceased New York City detectives.