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**EPC's annual gala to honor Former President Marianne Santo**

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The [Eastern Produce Council](#) looks forward to honoring former President Marianne Santo, who died last September, at the John McAleavey Annual Gala, which will take place at The Westmount Country Club in Woodland Park, NJ, on April 6. The night will include a cocktail hour, dinner buffet, a Jersey Boys Act and a DJ.



Marianne Santo

Philanthropic throughout her career and her life, Santo was passionate about supporting women and people in need. The EPC will be collaborating with Dress Express Boutique, a New Jersey non-profit organization founded with the mission to support young women.

At the event, people are invited to bring new or gently worn dresses of all types, styles and sizes, which will be donated to Dress Express Boutique. Proceeds from the sale of an event they will host with the dresses are then turned over to the Mercy Girl Effect, which recognizes, funds and promotes causes impacting young women around the globe, with special focus on education and building leadership.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated, and checks can be made payable to Sisters of Mercy. In the memo include Dress Express Boutique/MGE. Bring a check to the event or mail to Eastern Produce Council, P.O. Box 897, New Providence, NJ, 07974.

This annual event is the main fundraising effort of the EPC, enabling it to continue to support worthy causes and organizations in the produce industry and the community. John McAleavey passionately served the council as its executive director for 25 years, and following his passing in 2015 the event was named in his memory. This will mark the EPC's 57th gala.

To learn more about tickets, sponsorships and ad support for this event, visit the [EPC website](#) or contact its office at [easternproducecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:easternproducecouncil@gmail.com) or 908/723-0645.

