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HIGH STREET GRILL HOST LONG BEARD CONTEST TO GROW SUPPORT FOR HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS™

MOUNT HOLLY, NEW JERSEY, March 30, 2009 - March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, 2009, marked the final night of the High Street Grill's 4th Annual Long Beard Contest. The seven-week fundraiser was the most successful long beard contest the restaurant has had according to restaurant owners, Nancy and John McDevitt. The proceeds of the event benefited Hope For The Warriors™, a national non-profit organization that supports wounded and fallen service members and their families.

The High Street Grill was packed with patrons dressed in green, who came to show support for our nation's wounded service members. John McDevitt pleased the customers from the kitchen with his culinary skills while his wife Nancy was among the crowd, plucking the whiskers from the participating bearded men. Behind the bar, keeping the spirits flowing, were John McKee and Mike Bush, who volunteered their own time serving as guest bartenders while Paul Kennedy, Jr., High Street's resident musician, had the crowd singing along to traditional Irish music. Mr. Kennedy was also declared the winner of this year's Long Beard Contest. Some say it was his Irish roots that gave him the advantage to grow the longest beard, but the real edge it seems, grew from his heart. His father, Paul Sr., is working in Baghdad, while his sister Maggie, and three brothers -- James, Matthew and Sean -- are all deployed overseas.

At the end of the night, after the tips were counted, the crowd came to attention as Nancy and John presented Hope For The Warriors™ a check for \$5,800. All Irish eyes smiled.

“I would like to thank everyone who went to High Street Grill to show their support,” stated Emma Riley, Northeast Events Coordinator for H4W. “I want to extend a sincere thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time for the cause, all the men who placed their razors out of sight and let their beards grow to raise money, and especially thank Nancy and John for making this fundraiser happen,” Ms. Riley said. “Events like this make it possible for Hope For The Warriors™ to provide wounded service members with hope beyond recovery. “

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