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**BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS HONORS
VOLUNTEERS AT ANNUAL RECOGNITION BREAKFAST**

(September 24, 2009) BETHEL, NY - Bethel Woods Center for the Arts hosted more than 140 volunteers and guests at the annual Volunteer Recognition Breakfast held on Saturday, September 5th in the Event Gallery at The Museum at Bethel Woods.

Volunteers received acknowledgement and thanks for more than 7,500 hours of service in the first eight months of the year from founder Alan Gerry and Bethel Woods C.O.O Darlene Fedun.

"Volunteers have contributed to the success of Bethel Woods since our opening in 2006, and our program has grown annually. Our volunteers are one of our greatest assets, and we cannot thank them enough for their service. We receive countless raves from our guests about their dedication, courtesy and kind attention," said Darlene Fedun.

Nominated by her peers for her dedication and service, Donna VanDunk of Middletown, N.Y., received the "2009 Golden Pan Award for Volunteer Service." Ms. VanDunk has served as lead volunteer in the box office, at concerts, in The Museum and in administrative roles.

The volunteer program at Bethel woods, a not-for-profit organization, offers a variety of opportunities to more than 200 individuals in support of the organization's mission. Volunteers are recruited throughout the year, as they are needed seasonally and on a year-round basis, with an average commitment of eight to twenty hours per month. Orientation and training are provided to all volunteers. The next training session is scheduled for October 1st.

Information about the Bethel Woods Volunteer Program is available online at www.BethelWoodsCenter.org or by calling 845-295-2626.

**Caption for photo attached:*

Alan Gerry congratulates Dana VanDunk of Middletown, this year's recipient of Bethel Woods' "2009 Golden Pan Award for Volunteer Service" at the annual Volunteer Recognition Breakfast held on September 5th.