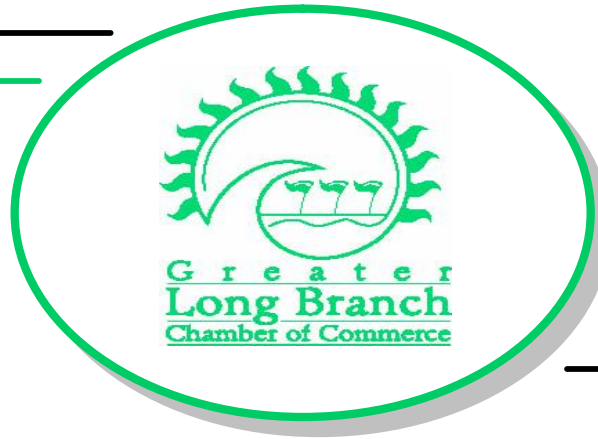

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**GREATER LONG BRANCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TO HOST 76TH ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS DINNER**
*Dr. Margaret Fisher of The Children's Hospital at Monmouth and
Long Branch's Own Howard Marlin to be Honored for Dedication to Community*

LONG BRANCH, NJ, January 18, 2010 — The Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce will recognize two highly respected members of the community during its 76th Annual Business Awards Dinner on Saturday, March 20 at the Ocean Place Resort & Spa, 1 Ocean Blvd.

Margaret "Meg" Fisher, M.D., FAAP, medical director of The Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center, and Howard "Howie" Marlin, a long-time Long Branch resident with a 50-year record of community service, will receive the chamber's prestigious Louis G. Libutti Community Service Award.

Other awardees to be honored during the gala event include **the City of Long Branch for Manahasset Creek Park, Monmouth County Park System for Tony's Place at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, and the Diaco and Barry Family for the Bungalow Hotel in Pier Village.**

Chamber president Ron Kaplowitz praised both Dr. Fisher and Mr. Marlin for "dedicating their lives to caring for the community in two important and distinct ways. Dr. Fisher has played an integral role in ensuring the health and well-being of thousands of children during her illustrious career as a prominent pediatrician, while Mr. Marlin has served so admirably

in a host of civic and volunteer capacities, including as chairman of the Planning Board for the past 18 years,” he said.

“We are extremely grateful for their contributions to the community and are pleased to laud their exemplary leadership, outstanding professional achievement and community service by honoring them with our Louis G. Libutti award.” Kaplowitz said. “Their selection for this award is a testament to the man after whom it was established 40 years ago — one of our most highly regarded chamber presidents.”

Dr. Fisher is widely recognized in the field of pediatrics — as a clinician, educator, author and leading expert in children’s health. Serving as chair of Pediatrics at Monmouth Medical Center since 2000, she became medical director of The Children’s Hospital at Monmouth when it is was licensed by the state of New Jersey as an official children’s hospital for Monmouth and Ocean counties in 2006. For nearly 40 years, Monmouth Medical Center — the 527-bed affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System— has built an immeasurable record of achievement as the region’s leading provider of pediatric care that spans nearly 30 specialties.

Before joining Monmouth, Dr. Fisher was associate chair of education at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, Philadelphia. She headed the pediatric clerkship of Drexel University College of Medicine — Monmouth Medical Center’s Philadelphia-based teaching affiliate — and continues to serve there as a professor of pediatrics. In her academic role at Monmouth, Dr. Fisher has consistently captured Drexel’s most prestigious annual teachings awards bestowed by its medical students.

Board certified in pediatrics and pediatric infectious disease, Dr. Fisher earned her medical degree from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine before completing her residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in pediatric infectious disease at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children.

A fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), she is chair of its Section of Infectious Diseases’ Executive Committee and a member of its Committee on Infectious Diseases. She also serves as vice president-elect of the AAP’s New Jersey Chapter.

She has authored more than 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters and audiotapes, and has published one book, *Immunizations & Infectious Disease: An Informed*

Parent's Guide, a 425-page evidence-based reference book on keeping children healthy through immunizations, preventing and controlling infections, and understanding the use of antibiotics. It is based on the AAP's *Red Book: Report of the Committee on Infectious Disease*, the leading authoritative physicians' guide on diagnosing and treating infectious disease.

Since moving to Monmouth County, Dr. Fisher has been a board member of Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch and New Brunswick, Prevention First and YMCA. She received the Rotary Club of Long Branch Community Service Award in 2007, and the 2008 Physician of the Year Award from the New Jersey Pediatric Society and the Children's Emergency Medical Fund of New Jersey.

Mr. Marlin came to Long Branch from Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1947. After a brief minor league baseball career, he worked for his father, William Marlin, developer of Elberon Village and Scott Towers. His interest in the community took root with the co-founding of the Tri-City 8-13 Little League program in 1954. He coached for 23 years, including the Senior League for 13- to 15-year-olds, and co-founded the Tri-City Umpires Association.

As Mr. Marlin's involvement in the community grew over the years, so did his roster of civic roles and responsibilities. For 27 years, he has served on the Long Branch Planning Board, including the past 18 years as chairman. He also is vice chairman of the Long Branch Cable Commission on which he has held membership for 15 years.

Mr. Marlin is a life member of the Long Branch Fire Department's Atlantic Engine Company, where he has served for 53 years, including holding the posts of captain and president. He currently is company chaplain. He also is a life member of the Elberon First Aid Squad, where his 51-year record of service includes terms as captain and president.

On the state front, Mr. Marlin served for eight years on the New Jersey Carnival Amusement Rides Safety Advisory Board and as a legislative aide to Assemblyman Anthony "Doc" Villane for 14 years. He is co-founder of the New Jersey Senior Softball Association, and a member of the New Jersey Sportwriters Association and the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Additionally, Mr. Marlin holds membership in the New Jersey Shore Builders Association, Elberon Voters and Property Owners Association, Long Branch Exchange Club, Long

Branch Council of the Arts, International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Shore Sports Alumni Association and U.S. Marine Corps Cadet Reserves.

He and his wife of 59 years, Barbara, have lived in their Castlewall Avenue home since he built it 54 years ago. They have three children, Scott, Wayne and Cindy, and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

For more information on the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce's 76th Annual Business Awards Dinner, contact the chamber office at 732-222-0400 or longbranchchamber@verizon.net. Its office is located at 228 Broadway, Long Branch.

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This year's recipients of the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce's Louis G. Libutti Community Service Awards are Margaret "Meg" Fisher, M.D., FAAP, medical director of The Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center, and Howard "Howie" Marlin, a long-time Long Branch resident with a 50-year record of community service.