

20th Annual FTA NYC Fall Awards Dinner

The MetLife Building–The Vanderbilt Suites

New York City – The Twentieth Annual FTA "A Fall Evening in New York with Very Special Friends" at The MetLife Building in The Vanderbilt Suites proved to be another memorable event for the one hundred–ten guests, who included the FTA 2011 North America Award Recipients, hotel and restaurant senior executives, presidents, vice presidents, managing directors, industry VIP's, industry press and sponsors.

All guests were formally announced at the reception by veteran Broadway actor, Osborn Focht, which was trade show style, showcasing the products and services of the sponsors. The four–course gala dinner brought Fred Tibbitts, Jr., President & CEO of Fred Tibbitts & Associates, Inc. to the podium, who welcomed the guests and within his opening remarks, urged one and all to do more for those less fortunate.

Tibbitts next asked Cecilia Martinez, Director – New York Office, United Nations Human Settlements Programme to come forward to be presented with a donation of \$500.00 from a portion of the

dinner proceeds to benefit UN–HABITAT.

The 2011 FTA Hospitality Awards for Excellence were next announced and presented:

2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an IT Innovator to MICROS Systems, Inc., accepted by Peter Rogers, Executive Vice President, Officer; 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as a Humanitarian, accepted by Robert Thurman, Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo–Tibetan Buddhist Studies, Columbia University; 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an Operator – North America, accepted by Brian Abel, Vice President, Food & Beverage, North America, Starwood Hotels & Resorts; 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Lifetime Excellence, accepted by Eric O. Long, General Manager, The Waldorf = Astoria.

