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Press Release

Jack Connors and Ted Kelly chair successful 21st Annual Inner City Scholarship Fund Dinner, raising over \$2.4 million for scholarships

Boston, MA --- Jack Connors, founder of the Boston advertising firm Hill Holiday, and Ted Kelly, Chairman, President & CEO of Liberty Mutual, announced last night that the 21st Annual Inner City Scholarship Fund Dinner had raised \$2.4 Million in scholarship support for students attending Catholic School in the Greater Boston area.

In making the announcement Mr. Kelly and Mr. Connors also recognized Rudy Favard, a senior at Malden Catholic High School, who was the evening's student speaker. Rudy, a scholarship recipient and the son of Haitian immigrants spoke of his remarkable relationship with 12 year old Sam Parker. Four nights a week Rudy carries Sam up to bed. Sam has cerebral palsy, is a quadriplegic and unable to speak or see. At seventy-five pounds he has become too heavy for his mother to carry and his father had serious heart surgery and can no longer carry Sam the fourteen steps to bed. "(Rudy) sees it as is using is muscles for a couple of minutes. We see it as we get to keep our family intact." Said, Sam's Dad, Rick Parker.

At the end of the evening, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Connors invited Rudy and his family on stage and surprised them with a \$5,000 scholarship to assist Rudy and his family with his tuition at Sacred Heart University next year. "Mr. Kelly and Mr. Connors, decided that the best thank you gift for our guests was to help this remarkable young man continue his education."

Mary Richardson of WCVB's Chronicle emceed the evening program which began with a rousing performance of songs from Les Miserables by the students of Saint Peter School in Cambridge. Rudy was introduced by a clip of the World News with Diane Sawyer which featured his relationship with the Parker Family.

There was significant corporate support of the event with EMC, The Lynch Foundation, Bank of America, Cisco Systems, Hill Holiday, The Kraft Group, Liberty Mutual, Loomis Sayles, Palisade

Capital, Staples and State Street as lead sponsors. WCVB Channel 5 and Gatehouse Media served as the Media Underwriters for the evening.

This event coupled with the Annual Appeal has raised over \$9,000,000 to support Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Boston.

To make a gift or for more information on the Catholic Schools Foundation/Inner-City Scholarship Fund, please contact the foundation at 617-778-5981 or on the web at www.csfboston.org.

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