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DREAM MAKERS YOUTH FOUNDATION'S 6TH ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT & AUCTION A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Casino Night & Auction raises nearly \$10,000 to support local non-profit organization for children with special needs

Smyrna, Ga – Dream Makers Youth Foundation hosted their sixth annual Casino Night & Auction on November 19th, and it was a tremendous success. The event was well-attended, with over 100 people black-tied up, to support both an organization and cause they believed in. Approximately \$10,000 was raised as attendees played casino games including Roulette, Blackjack, and Craps, and bid on silent and live auction items, the majority of which were donated by companies throughout Metropolitan Atlanta.

The festivities also included a Volunteer of the Year ceremony, during which Tim Noonan and David Stolle of the Universal Tennis Academy were inducted into their Hall of Fame, for their development and management of Dream Makers' S.T.A.R.S. Tennis Program for children with special needs; thanks to them, children enrolled in this program, are able to participate in bi-monthly tennis lessons, free of charge. "We were delighted by the turn-out at this year's event, and grateful for the support of those who attended," stated, Nikki Wilson, President and Founder of Dream Makers Youth Foundation. "It was also our privilege to recognize Tim and David, who often go unrecognized for their commitment to our kids, and their community. We are very appreciative of their dedication, and our kids and parents adore them."

Dream Makers hosts several events throughout the year, to increase community awareness about the abilities of those who are disabled, and develop improved levels of comfort, empathy and respect for those with disabilities; in 2012, they will host their 8th Annual Celebrity Wheelchair Basketball Jam, where local celebrities play basketball in loaner chairs with and against wheelchair athletes, and their 1st Annual Chasing the Dream 5K Road Race, to help make the dreams of one disabled youth come true. For more information about their organization, programs, and upcoming events, visit their website at www.dmyf.info

About Dream Makers Youth Foundation

Dream Makers Youth Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides educational and recreational opportunities for children with special needs throughout Metropolitan Atlanta. DMYF currently offers tutorial services within Atlanta Public Schools, as well as tennis lessons and a basketball league for children with mild to moderate intellectual delays through their S.T.A.R.S. Adaptive Sports Program. These services are currently offered free of charge.

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