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**NYU CHILD STUDY CENTER RAISES NEARLY \$9 MILLION
AND CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT ANNUAL CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD DINNER**

*Brooke Garber Neidich honored by Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY)
for her commitment to Giving Children Back Their Childhood*

NEW YORK, December 5, 2007 – The NYU Child Study Center hosted its 10th Annual Child Advocacy Award Dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. The evening was led by dinner chairs and board members Michael Recanati and Ira Statfeld, and honored Board Chair, co-founder and philanthropist Brooke Garber Neidich for her dedication to the Center's fight against childhood and adolescent psychiatric and learning disorders.

This year's dinner raised more than \$8.8 million and marked the 10th anniversary of the NYU Child Study Center. CBS News Anchor Katie Couric hosted the event and Senator Hillary Clinton was in attendance to present Brooke Garber Neidich with the Child Advocacy Award.

More than 800 guests were treated to a special evening which included the debut of two new films created by Oscar-nominated director Nathaniel Kahn (*My Architect*, 2004) and a live auction conducted by Sotheby's Jamie Niven. Top auction prizes included exclusive travel, culinary and entertainment packages and raised over \$160,000 for the NYU Child Study Center. The evening program also included remarks from NYU Child Study Center founder and director Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D. and New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine.

A new fund was also unveiled in Brooke Garber Neidich's name. Through a philanthropic art project titled "Open Doors Open Minds", The Brooke Garber Neidich Open Doors Fund will enable the Child Study Center to offer free services to children who are unable to afford necessary interventions and treatments – so that "a child with a need, need not worry."

Guests at the dinner included: **Ellen Barkin; Erica Jong; Chuck Close; Cynthia McFadden; Dr. Ruth Westheimer; Perri Peltz; Heather and Steven Mnuchin; Stuart and Vicki Match Suna; Lisa and Richard Perry; Fiona Rudin; Elie Wisel; Alice Michaels; Sara Ruhl; Jerry Speyer; Merryl and Jimmy Tisch; Bradley Wechsler and Patty Newberger; Andreas Dracopoulos; Julie and Ed Minskoff; Arthur Altschul, Jr.; Alan and Susan Patricof; Peggy Siegal; Marty and Susan Lipton; and members of the NYU Child Study Center's Board of Directors including Margaret S. Bilotti; Arthur and Linda Carter; Lisa Pevaroff-Cohn and Gary Cohn; Michael and Beth Fascitelli; Jay Furman; Phyllis Green; Lori and George Hall; Jane Rosenthal and Craig Hatkoff; Ellen and Howard Katz; Ann Tenenbaum and Thomas H. Lee; Anne Welsh McNulty; Richard and Marcia Mishaan; Daniel Neidich; Linda and Richard Schaps; Klara and Larry Silverstein; Jill and Robert C. Smith; Alice and Thomas Tisch; Claude Wasserstein; and Robert I. Grossman, M.D., Dean and CEO of NYU Medical Center.**

Past honorees include **Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg; Governor George E. Pataki; Bob and Suzanne Wright; Whoopi Goldberg;** Former Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani;** Senator **Hillary Clinton** and **Stanley and Fiona Druckenmiller**. This is the third year that **Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.** was the corporate sponsor of the event.

This week the NYU Child Study Center also rolled out the largest public service announcement (PSA) campaign in its history and relaunched its web site, www.AboutOurKids.org. The PSA campaign, "Ransom Notes", was created pro bono by BBDO to highlight the nationwide epidemic of children's mental illness. The new website will provide timely and accurate information to parents, educators and healthcare professionals on childhood and adolescent psychiatric and learning disorders.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Founded in 1997, the New York University Child Study Center is the nation's premier organization for advancing the prevention, identification, and treatment of child and adolescent psychiatric and learning disorders through scientific practice, research, and education. Last year children and families from 41 states and 26 countries around the world were evaluated and treated by the clinicians and faculty at the NYU Child Study Center.

The NYU Child Study Center is dedicated to giving children back their childhood and eliminating the stigma of being or having a child with a psychiatric disorder.

To learn more about the NYU Child Study Center, visit AboutOurKids.org.

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