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NYU CHILD STUDY CENTER RAISES \$5.8 MILLION AT ANNUAL CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD DINNER

Paul Tudor Jones II Honored for his Commitment to Children's Mental Health

NEW YORK, December 10, 2008 – Committed New Yorkers turned out on Tuesday night in support of children's mental health, when the NYU Child Study Center hosted its Annual Child Advocacy Award Dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street on December 9. This year's dinner raised \$5.8 million and marked the 11th anniversary of the NYU Child Study Center.

Paul Tudor Jones II was honored for his dedication to the Center's fight against childhood psychiatric and learning disorders and awarded the Child Advocacy Award. The evening was led by dinner chairs and board members Lisa Pevaroff-Cohn and Gary Cohn and friends of the NYU Child Study Center Danielle and David Ganek, and Sukey and Michael Novogratz.

Nearly 600 guests were in attendance at the event which included a live auction conducted by Sotheby's Hugh Hildesley to raise funds for the Brooke Garber Neidich Open Doors Fund (a scholarship fund that supports unfunded clinical care and outreach for needy children) and the debut of a new film created by Oscar-nominated director Nathaniel Kahn (*My Architect*, 2004) featuring *ParentCorps*, a preventive school- and family-based early intervention program for pre-schoolers living in low-income, urban communities.

The evening program included remarks from NYU Child Study Center Board Chair and co-founder Brooke Garber Neidich and founder and director Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D., who also announced a \$4 million gift from the J. Ira Harris and Nicki Harris Family Foundation to help further the mission of HOPE (Harris Obesity Prevention Effort) and better address the childhood obesity epidemic in the United States.

Guests at the dinner included: **Jane and Jimmy Buffett; Ellen Barkin; Erica Jong; Jane Rosenthal; Governor Jon S. Corzine; Dr. Ruth Westheimer; Vera Wang; Hugh Hildesley**, auctioneer for the evening; **HRH Princess Alexandra of Greece; Klara and Larry Silverstein; Juju Chang and Neal Shapiro; Maria Cuomo Cole; Lisa and Richard Perry; Lisa Dennison; Patty McEnroe; Helen and Tim Schifter; Heather and Steven Mnuchin; Chris and Richard Mack; Julie and Edward Minskoff; Elaine and Ken Langone; Lori and George Hall; Susan and Martin Lipton; Marcia Mishaan; Claude Wasserstein; Vicki and Stuart Match Suna**; NYU Child Study Center Board Chair **Brooke Garber Neidich and Daniel Neidich; Linda and Arthur Carter; Alice and Tom Tisch; Robert I. Grossman, M.D.**, Dean and CEO of NYU Medical Center; and **Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D.**, founder and director of the NYU Child Study Center.

Past honorees include **Brooke Garber Neidich; 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 fourth year that **Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.** was the corporate sponsor of the event.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The New York University Child Study Center is the nation's leading organization for research, prevention and treatment of child and adolescent psychiatric and learning disorders. Through science-based clinical care, cutting-edge research, expert professional training, and extensive public education, the Center strives to generate new knowledge about child mental health, improve the practices of healthcare professionals who serve children, and influence child-related public health policy. Most importantly, the Center provides hope, help and care to children and their families who suffer from these disorders.

The NYU Child Study Center is committed to giving children back their childhood. To learn more, visit AboutOurKids.org.

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