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Night of Dreams

Thank you to all who attended and supported the 4th Annual Night of Dreams! It was moving to see such passion and enthusiasm in the room and to see how far Have Dreams has come since it began in 1996.

We especially thank this year's Gala committee - this event would not be possible without your support and we truly appreciate everyone who had a hand in making the event such a success. We would like to recognize John and Kathy Bruckner of Chicago and Matt and Andrea Johnson of Glenview for serving as Committee Co-Chairs of this year's Night of Dreams event.

The 2012 Gala Committee also included Brian and Carol Callaci of Kenilworth, Ted and Michelle DeGaetano of Addison, Fred and Jill O'Connor of Evanston and Julia Vander Ploeg of Naperville.

To date, the gala has raised nearly \$350,000. Walgreens was awarded as this year's Night of Dreams honoree for its Inclusive Workplace and Disability Inclusion Programs that have created meaningful job opportunities for individuals with autism.

In addition to honoring Walgreens, another highlight of the evening was the announcement of Have Dreams' launch of a transformative vocational program for adults with autism, with Walgreens, Kim & Scott's Gourmet Pretzels and Abt Electronics all working together in this endeavor. The scope of the program is still under development but one prominent feature will be the retail training center Walgreens is building at Have Dreams' Evanston site.

"Walgreens has a rich history of growing talent and recognizing ability," said Steve Pemberton, Chief Diversity Officer and Divisional Vice President of Walgreens who accepted the Night of Dreams 2012 Honoree award on behalf of the company. "As we are committed to creating and maintaining a diversified workforce, this new training

center will provide hands-on experience, grow confidence and help open more doors to opportunities in the retail world.”

Celebrated charity benefit auctioneer David Goodman of Auction Results, conducted a lively auction featuring such one-of-a-kind opportunities as a VIP trip to Bordeaux, France including visits to renowned chateaux and wineries in the region, a trip to the 2013 Grammy Awards, an exclusive travel package for the 2013 Masters Tournament, and a VIP New York city weekend including seats to the live broadcast taping of Comedy Central’s *Night of Too Many Stars* and an invitation for two to the show’s exclusive after-party.

Funds raised from the Night of Dreams will be used to support our signature Social, Communication and Independent Living Skills Program (SCILS), and the numerous Have Dreams autism resource services provided to Chicago area participants, families and professionals.

Have Dreams was proud to have Walgreens, Daniel and Julie Aronson, the JVH Foundation and New York Center for Autism as leading sponsors of the gala. *Sheridan Road Magazine* was the gala’s exclusive media sponsor.