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## JUNIOR COMMITTEE OF INNER-CITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISES \$25k AT JUNIOR PROM BENEFIT

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May 8, 2012 (New York, NY) – Nearly 150 guests raised \$25k at the annual Junior Committee of Inner-City Scholarship Fund Spring Benefit, *Junior Prom*, on Friday, May 4, 2012 at The Top of the Mutual of America Building in Manhattan.

The Junior Committee of Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF) is made up of young professionals under the age of forty committed to providing inner-city boys and girls with enriching academic experiences. The Junior Committee complements the financial support of ICSF through hands-on activities in ICSF schools. Proceeds from the event will go towards the committee's programs, including monthly trips to New York City cultural institutions, tutoring, sports leagues, and annual holiday parties.

"Being a part of the Junior Committee, and a part of the lives of the students we get to spend time with during the year, is a rewarding experience for every member of the committee," said Ryan Cullen, Executive Co-Chair. "The Spring Benefit is a great event that allows us to look back at the accomplishments of the past year and look ahead to what the next year will bring."

The evening featured top shelf cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet and a silent auction and raffle including Jet Blue tickets, a gift card to Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and a night at the Waldorf Astoria.

The event was sponsored by Mutual of America, The Blackstone Group, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, and Foot Locker.

ICSF is the city's leading non-profit organization dedicated to providing tuition assistance for low-income students attending ICSF- supported inner-city Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York. The organization was founded by the late Terence Cardinal Cooke and a group of prominent executives of many religious beliefs. ICSF provides tuition assistance to more than 8,000 students (93% minority and 36% non-Catholic) in 92 inner-city Catholic schools in Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island. An astonishing 95% percent of graduates from ICSF supported schools pursue college at some of the finest universities in the nation.