

**FROM: Inner-City Scholarship Fund**  
1011 First Avenue  
New York, NY  
[www.icsf-nyc.org](http://www.icsf-nyc.org)

Rubenstein Associates, Inc. *Public Relations*  
Contact: Emily Vicker (212) 843-8078 / [evicker@rubenstein.com](mailto:evicker@rubenstein.com)

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INNER-CITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND GALA RAISES \$800,000 TO SUPPORT UNDERSERVED STUDENTS**

NEW YORK (May 22, 2012) - Nearly 430 guests raised \$800,000 to help support New York City's disadvantaged youth at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual FRIENDS of Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF) Gala on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. 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.

The black tie affair was emceed by, **David Ushery**, NBC New York anchor and host; and chaired by **Tom Joyce**, Chairman and CEO of Knight Capital Group and his wife, **Lisa**.

Among the many ICSF supporters in attendance were **His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan**; author, **Mary Higgins Clark**; co-anchor of FOX News Channel's "America's Newsroom," **Martha MacCallum**; **Stephen and Christine Schwarzman**, **Ann Mara**, and **Paul and Ruth Woolard**.

The pre-dinner program showcased students from the Mount Carmel – Holy Rosary School who performed classic ballroom dances including the Swing and Fox Trot.

"With the end of the school year less than a month away and graduation just around the corner this a very exciting time of year for ICSF," said **Susan George, Executive Director of ICSF**. "It is great to be able to bring our supporters together to celebrate our students, all they have accomplished over this past year and to look ahead to what future years will bring."

The FRIENDS Committee is made up of more than 200 volunteers who support ICSF students through initiatives including teaching art-appreciation, preparing students for the work place and raising funds for quality-of-life capital improvements in the schools.

Funds raised at the dinner will help assist ICSF, 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 close to 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.

Photos of the evening are available at [www.snapfish.com](http://www.snapfish.com), LOGIN: [evicker@rubenstein.com](mailto:evicker@rubenstein.com); PASSWORD: rubenstein.

###