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FRIENDS OF INNER-CITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISES OVER \$1,000,000 TO BENEFIT DISADVANTAGED YOUTH AT 37th ANNUAL GALA ***

(May 15, 2013 – New York, NY) – 490 guests raised over \$1million at the **Inner-City Scholarship Fund FRIENDS Committee 37th Annual Gala** on Tuesday, May 14 at Cipriani 42nd Street in Manhattan. Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF) is the city's leading non-profit organization dedicated to providing tuition assistance for low-income students attending ICSFsupported inner-city Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York.

His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York and **His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan**, attended the event where Fox 5 News Anchor **Dari Alexander** served as the Master of Ceremonies.

"During the spring season, when we are so close to graduation and everyone is reflecting on the past year, we are constantly reminded of how important access to a good education is," said Susan George, Executive Director of ICSF. "It is great to bring together so many champions of Inner-City Scholarship Fund who provide so much to our students."

The evening's program featured a performance by the St. Brigid Elementary School choir who performed songs from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

About Inner-City Scholarship Fund

Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF) was founded in 1971 by the late Terence Cardinal Cooke and a group of prominent executives of many religious beliefs. ICSF provides tuition assistance to nearly 8,000 students (93% minority and 36% non-Catholic) in 93 inner-city Catholic schools in Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island. An astonishing 96% percent of graduates from ICSF supported schools pursue college at some of the finest universities in the nation.

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Photos of the evening are available for download at <u>www.snapfish.com</u>, LOGIN: <u>evicker@rubenstein.com</u>; PASSWORD: rubenstein (case sensitive). Additional images are available upon request.