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**INNER-CITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISES RECORD-SETTING \$3 MILLION AT
39TH ANNUAL AWARD DINNER**

All Proceeds To Benefit New York City's Underprivileged Youth

New York (December 16, 2014) – Supporters of Inner-City Scholarship Fund raised record-setting \$3 million at the **39th Annual Inner-City Scholarship Fund Award Dinner** on Monday, December 14. Over 500 guests attended the event at the Mandarin Oriental in Manhattan. Funds from the evening will help support Inner-City in its mission to provide tuition assistance for underprivileged students attending inner-city Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York.

His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York presented the Inner-City Scholarship Fund Award to **Edward D. Herlihy** and **Peter Grauer** presented the inaugural James B. Lee, Jr. LifeLink Award to **Michael X. McBride** for their commitment to inner-city students and Catholic schools. CBS Sunday Morning's correspondent **Mo Rocca** served at the Master of Ceremonies.

“A quality education is one of the greatest gifts you can give to a child,” said **Susan George**, Executive Director of Inner-City Scholarship Fund. “The supporters in this room have given countless students this priceless gift and we are here to celebrate their generosity.”

Over the years, the Award Dinner's Honorees and Chairs have included many of New York City's most powerful leaders in business, finance, government, and the arts, whose dedication and involvement have been absolutely crucial to keeping Inner-City up and running.

During the program, Adrian Gonzalez of All Hallows High School in the Bronx, gave remarks on how his scholarship through Inner-City Scholarship Fund has greatly impacted his life and education. Adrian was selected to attend a leadership conference in Ireland, something he never would have thought possible. Entertainment from Our Lady of Lourdes School Choir opened the program.

About Inner-City Scholarship Fund

Inner-City Scholarship Fund was founded in 1971 by the late Terence Cardinal Cooke and a group of prominent executives whose goal was to preserve Catholic school education as viable choice for all children. Today, Inner-City provides tuition assistance to over 7,000 Catholic

school students (92% minority and 33% non-Catholic) in Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island. An impressive 98% of seniors attending Inner-City supported schools graduate, and 96% percent pursue higher education at some of the finest universities in the nation.

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