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**INNER-CITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISES OVER \$1.3  
TO BENEFIT DISADVANTAGED YOUTH AT 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDS GALA**

New York [May 11, 2016] – 450 guests raised over \$1.3 million at the **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Inner-City Scholarship Fund Friends Gala** on Tuesday, May 10 at Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Manhattan. Inner-City is the city’s leading non-profit organization dedicated to providing tuition assistance for low-income students attending inner-city Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York.

**His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan**, Archbishop of New York; and Gala Chairs, **Lisa and Dick Cashin** attended the event where CBS Sunday Morning’s correspondent, **Mo Rocca**, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

“I am humbled at the amount of support we have received this year, from our attendees, many of whom have been donating for several years,” said Susan George, Executive Director of Inner-City Scholarship Fund. “Because of their continued support, we are able to provide students with the gift of a quality Catholic school education, which sets them up for an amazing future.”

Catholic school alum Glorivee Ramirez, who was the student speaker at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends Gala, returned to make a moving speech about how her Catholic school education got her to where she is today.

In addition to dinner and dancing, guests enjoyed a “Music of the Decades” performance by St. Barnabus High School, St. Barnabus Elementary School, St. Raymond Elementary School and Cardinal Hayes High School.

**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 of many religious beliefs. Inner-City provides tuition assistance to nearly 8,000 students (92% minority and 33% non-Catholic). An astonishing 99% percent of seniors attending inner-city Catholic high schools graduate, and 98% pursue college at some of the finest universities in the nation.

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