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**INNER-CITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISES \$1.2 MILLION
TO BENEFIT DISADVANTAGED YOUTH AT 43rd ANNUAL FRIENDS GALA**

New York [May 22, 2019] – **More than 400 guests raised \$1.2 million** at the **43rd Annual Inner-City Scholarship Fund Friends Gala** on Tuesday, May 21, at Cipriani 42nd Street in Manhattan. Inner-City is the city’s leading non-profit organization dedicated to providing tuition assistance for low-income students attending Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York.

His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, and Gala Chairs Margaret Crotty and Rory Riggs attended the event.

“As the school year comes to a close, we are constantly reminded of the importance of a quality education,” said Susan George, Executive Director of Inner-City Scholarship Fund. “I’m amazed by the generosity of the people in this room, especially Margaret Crotty and Rory Riggs, who are so dedicated to supporting Catholic education for future generations.”

Catholic school student Amaya Rojas, a seventh grader from Santa Maria School in the Bronx, gave an inspiring speech about the teachers who have supported her throughout her education and the strong friendships she has developed since she was in kindergarten. She is grateful that her Inner-City Scholarship Fund has given her opportunities to achieve her dreams, and believes her education has made her passionate and confident. Amaya has earned honors every quarter, and aspires to be a doctor or teacher in the future so that she can help others.

In addition to dinner and dancing, guests enjoyed a “Sky is the Limit” performance by Saint Raymond Elementary School in the Bronx, Notre Dame School in Manhattan and Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx.

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 over \$13 million per year in tuition assistance to students (90% minority and 33% non-Catholic) attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York. 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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