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**FRIENDS OF PRENTICE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS  
OF DELIVERING HOPE**

*Nearly \$900,000 Raised by Business, Community and Civic Leaders  
During Anniversary Benefit in Chicago*

**CHICAGO, June 11, 2011** – More than 700 guests filled the dramatic grand ballroom at Navy Pier on June 11 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala *Reflections* hosted by Friends of Prentice, the fundraising board of Prentice Women’s Hospital of Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. During the black-tie benefit, many of the city’s most prominent business, community and civic leaders showed their support for women’s health and celebrated the evening surrounded by a stunning décor of silver centerpieces overflowing with blue and purple hydrangeas. The \$500 per ticket gala raised nearly \$900,000, which will continue to support critical initiatives in women’s health at Prentice.

“We are very inspired by the generous philanthropy of our friends and supporters in the Chicago community,” said Trina Gordon McCallister, Friends of Prentice board president. “These resources will enable us to continue our mission of improving the quality of healthcare for women and infants by supporting research, early detection and clinical trials for gynecologic cancers and advances in prenatal diagnoses. Additionally, we are proud to support six investigators at Northwestern, who are the first recipients of our *Friends of Prentice Competitive Grants*.”

The evening began with a silent auction during which guests were invited to bid on items such as spectacular trips and once-in-a lifetime experiences. Attendees also had the opportunity to preview the highly sought-after live auction items including a luxurious 5-night trip to Austria, a private in-home concert by musician John Oates and a Bandon Dunes Golf Resort trip including transportation to Oregon on a private jet.

Tiffany & Co. added glitter and glitz to the evening by donating a stunning “Sixteen Stone” ring by famed Tiffany designer Jean Schlumberger comprised of 18-karat yellow gold, platinum and diamonds as the grand prize in the raffle.

## **FRIENDS OF PRENTICE GALA – Add One**

After the silent auction, guests were escorted into the Grand Ballroom and greeted by Masters of Ceremony, Karen Jordan and Christian Farr, both Chicago television personalities. A three-course dinner followed the opening remarks.

The evening ended in color and whimsy, as guests took part in the gala's signature event, the "Grand Giveaways." Attendees vied for hundreds of donated items handed out by a parade of enthusiastic volunteers. Giant toys, sports gear, and glow-in-the dark memorabilia, were just a few of the many items distributed during this unique element of the evening. The culmination of the Gala was marked by the Navy Pier fireworks and guests dancing the night away to the sounds of Lynne Jordan and the Shivers.

Co-chairs for the gala were Carol L. Bernick, Erica Goldman, Christopher Newton, Joanne DeSanctis Kirk and Stanley M. Pillman, all of Chicago. Trina Gordon McCallister serves as Friends of Prentice board president.

### **About Friends of Prentice**

Friends of Prentice harnesses the creativity and resources of a diverse and engaged volunteer board, sharing a common passion for women's health. Working in partnership with Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Prentice Women's Hospital, our organization advances the quality of care provided to women by investing in emerging technologies and medical advancements including groundbreaking research, clinical care programs and advanced educational opportunities. We nurture a proud legacy of philanthropy and volunteerism as we strive to improve health and wellness throughout the arc of a woman's life. To date, Friends of Prentice has raised nearly \$16 million to support research, education and patient care programs at Prentice Women's Hospital. For more information, please contact Northwestern Memorial Foundation at (312) 926-7133 or visit [www.friendsofprentice.org](http://www.friendsofprentice.org).