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4th Annual DeBartolo Family Foundation fundraising spectacular brings in stellar contributions for Tampa Bay charities

All Star Charity Gala's stars shine brightly and raise nearly \$500,000

TAMPA– March 3, 2006 –The DeBartolo Family Foundation confirmed today that this year's **All Star Charity Gala** raised nearly **\$500,000** to benefit the Bay Area's most worthy causes. The Gala, which took place on **Feb. 24 of 7:30 p.m.** at A La Carte Event Pavilion, boasted the attendance of 42 stars and celebrities from Hall of Fame athletes to decorated military personnel to Academy Award-nominated actors.

Confirmed guests included Linda Hamilton, Seymour Cassel, Ronnie Lott, Chris Berman, Wade Boggs, Jason Taylor, Joey Fatone and a number of other big names of their caliber within their industries.

More than 700 guests dined on steak and lobster, chocolate and Ed & Eddie's ice cream, and danced to the musical stylings of rhythm and blues group, Boyz II Men. The staple of the R&B genre kicked off the concert with their biggest hits, "On Bended Knee," "I'll Make Love to You," and "Motown Philly." The velvet-voiced songsters went on to sing some of Motown's most beloved hits.

According to the DeBartolo Family Foundation office, this year's Gala attendance significantly increased over last year's record total and is the fourth consecutive year the Gala has sold out.

The DeBartolo Family Foundation is a non-profit organization created by the members of the Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. family to benefit local communities. The Foundation annually awards scholarships to deserving students, provides grants to individuals and organizations with special needs, and presents the Spirit of Humanity Award, honoring non-profit organizations that provide extraordinary assistance to Tampa Bay residents with special needs. For more information, visit the Foundation's Web site at www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com or call the Foundation office at 813.964.8302.

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