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Second Annual Gala to Recognize Acts of Compassion and Charitable Contributions

Proceeds Support Catholic Charities Programs and Services

Catholic Charities Atlanta will host its second annual Fundraising Gala on Thursday, April 16, 2009. The gathering will take place at the JW Marriott Hotel in Buckhead, and George and Dale Levert are the Co-Chairs of this special event. "With the gala, we want to create a strong feeling of Catholic fellowship and community," says Dale Levert. "We are honored to serve as co-chairs, and we want attendees to come away with a deep knowledge of the many ways that Catholic Charities has improved so many lives." "The ministries within Catholic Charities aid people of all religions and backgrounds who are struggling with poverty and other challenges. Each program employs dedicated experts that provide help and create hope for a full life," adds George Levert. George and Dale Levert are parishioners at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Atlanta.

The Archbishop Donoghue Award will be presented to one recipient at the gala. The award will recognize this individual for acts of charity, compassion and contributions that have significantly impacted individuals, families and children living in Atlanta and North Georgia.

To organize the event's various planning committees, the Leverts recently hosted a Gala Committee kickoff brunch in their home. This meeting challenged and motivated organizers to meet or exceed the fundraising goals necessary for the agency's continued work on behalf of the poor and most vulnerable within our society.

For information about the Gala and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mary Elkins, Event Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Atlanta at 404.456.4285, or by email to melkins@archatl.com.

About Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is the social service agency of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, who partners with the community to help people facing adversity to reach wholeness and self sufficiency regardless of their background or religion. Catholic Charities serves clients in Metro Atlanta and North Georgia and has delivered help and hope to over one million poor and needy since 1953. The agency is among the state's well-known, professional providers of services to families in crisis, support for pregnant women, assistance and education to immigrants and refugees. Last year Catholic Charities answered more than 35,000 calls and was able to directly assist 9,000 families. In December 2008, the Council on Accreditation (COA) informed Catholic Charities that the agency has been reaccredited. The COA reaccreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both an organization's administrative operations and its service delivery practices. All are "measured" against national standards of best practice.

For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org or call 404.881.6571.

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The Catholic Charities Gala Committee recently met at the JW Marriott in Buckhead to visit the venue for the 2nd annual fundraising event which will be April 16th. All funds raised at the Gala benefit Catholic Charities' continued work on behalf of the poor and most vulnerable within our society.

Some of the Gala Committee members shown here:

Top row L to R: Barbara Williams; Mary Dill; George Levert (Gala Chair)

Middle row L to R: Joe Krygiel, CEO of Catholic Charities; Pam Krygiel; Debra Minkley;
Marcia Palcher

Front row L to R: Dale Levert (Gala Chair); Sue Missbach

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