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HeartShare's 19th Annual Spring Gala & Auction!

(Brooklyn, NY)— HeartShare Human Services of New York is hosting its 19th Annual Gala and Auction on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at the New York Marriott Marquis, in Times Square. The Gala starts at 5:30 pm, and includes a cocktail reception, a silent auction and dinner. All profits directly benefit HeartShare's programs that serve 17,000 New Yorkers in need of special services and supports.

During the evening HeartShare will recognize individuals for their outstanding commitment to the community. Honorees include: HeartShare Board Member **Michael P. Kiley** who will receive *The Monsignor Thomas G. Hagerty Humanitarian Award*; **Steve Cohen**, General Manager of the Brooklyn Cyclones and 2007 NY-Penn League Executive of the Year, who will be honored with *The HeartShare Genie Foundation Award*; **Cameron Mathison**, actor, star of ABC's *All My Children* and talk-show host, will receive *The Linda Dano Heart Award*; and **Tony Sirico**, actor, star of HBO's *The Sopranos* and films will be honored with *The Heart of the City Award*.

"Let the Bidding Begin!" At the silent auction, guests will have a chance to purchase a range of items donated by La Prairie, Nanette Lepore, Viva Bags of California, Ed Levin Jewelry and many more. Guests may bid also items like: Apple iPhones, Pentax Digital Camera, VIP Passes to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, airfare, a Golf Resort getaway, VIP show tickets, NY Mets tickets, US Open tickets, gift certificates to restaurants, boutiques, Beauty Spas and more. Celebrity-signed items include contributions from **Desperate Housewives'** cast, **John Travolta**, **Norah Jones**, and **Law & Order** cast.

A-list celebrities will be on-hand to show their support, donate personalized auction items and make appearances at this exciting event. In addition to **Mr. Sirico** and **Mr. Mathison**, celebrities in attendance include: The Sopranos Cast Members **Lorraine Bracco**, **Vincent Curatola**, **Sharon Angela**, **Robert Iler**, **John Ventimiglia**, **Steve Shirripa**, the Fox 5 News family **Ernie**

Anastos, Rosanna Scotto, Mike Woods, Emmy-Award Winner **Linda Dano** and **Jim Kerr**
(Q104 Radio "Morning Host")

Advance tickets to the event are available now at www.heartshare.org. For information on the numerous sponsorships and table packages available, or to place an ad in the Gala journal, please contact **George Cincotta** of HeartShare's Public Affairs Office at (718) 422-3210 by March 28, 2008.

Celebrating its 94th year, HeartShare is a nonprofit organization that assists more than 17,000 New Yorkers. Its wide spectrum of services provides counseling, after-school programs and assistance with foster care and adoption to children and families, supports people affected by HIV/AIDS, and administers energy assistance programs. It also helps individuals with developmental disabilities, including Autism and the Spectrum Disorders, through education services, adult day programs, residential services, case management, recreation programs, family support services and health services.

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