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Annual Tree Festival Raises Funds for Children's Programs

(Brooklyn)—Recently, HeartShare Human Services of New York held its 17th Annual Tree Festival to raise funds for children in its foster care and adoption programs and those diagnosed with developmental disabilities. Held at the El Caribe Country Club in Mill Basin, Brooklyn, hundreds of guests turned out for the worthy and festive occasion.

Sopranos stars **Tony Sirico** (Paulie Walnuts) and **Dan Grimaldi** (Patsy Parisi) lent their support to this exciting event. During the evening, fully decorated Christmas trees were auctioned off to the highest bidder in an exciting back-and-forth exchange between bidders, while teddy bears dressed by today's top designers and ornaments signed by the hottest celebrities (including Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick, Ben Affleck, Whoopie Goldberg, Al Pacino, Billy Joel, Donald Trump, and President Bill Clinton) were auctioned off silently.

Prior to the event, trees are decorated by a dedicated group of volunteers over a four-day period. In total, more than 60 trees are decorated and sold to local businesses and supporters of HeartShare.

By evening's end, approximately \$150,000 was raised for HeartShare's Foster Care programs and its Early Childhood programs for children with developmental disabilities.

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