



St. Jude Auxiliary Board raises \$40,128 to save the lives of children fighting cancer and other deadly diseases

(Chicago, IL) – (11/26/07) – The St. Jude Auxiliary Board of Chicago helped raise more than \$40,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® during its 7th Annual Swingin' Under the Harvest Moon cocktail party at Galleria Marchetti on November 9, 2007. A record total, the amount raised this year surpassed the previous high by \$5,180. This marked the Auxiliary Board's seventh year of supporting the families of St. Jude.

This year's cocktail party highlights included a Prohibition Era theme, our biggest silent auction yet - with 56 packages that raised \$16,265, excellent music by Underwater People, and for the first time ever, the opportunity to upgrade tickets to VIP. Our VIP section was completely sold out 4 days prior to the event. Once again, Michael Ruffolo, from the Melting Pot, was instrumental in securing the participation of 14 of Chicago's finest restaurants, serving everything from sushi to deep-dish pizza.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund-raising organization. For more information, please call 1-800-621-5359 or visit www.stjude.org