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Howard Area Community Center Hosted its Annual Gala October 14th

Sell-Out Crowd!!!

Chicago, IL – **Howard Area Community Center (“HACC”)** hosted its 21st Annual Gala, on **Friday, October 14, 2011** at the **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum** in Chicago. The Gala will featured a festive fall evening of dinner and a program that celebrated the successes of HACC over the past year.

The Gala yielded a record-setting fundraising total by raising more than \$51,000.00 to support of the important mission of the HACC. The event was attended by 130 guests; all of whom were responsible for helping the organization and the event surpass its fundraising goal. The event was chaired by the organization’s auxiliary board, the Young Professional Board members **Erica Franklin, Mathieu Guerville, Joe Hinton, Evangeline Semark, Lydia Moore, and Andrew Tidwell-Neal**, were all responsible for the event’s upcoming success.

The event was underwritten by organizations like the **North Shore Community Bank, Albany Bank and Trust Company, Jewel-Osco, GCG Financials, First Nonprofit Companies, and Kloefer Insurance Services**. HACC and the Young Professional Board are especially grateful for the wonderful support received by the HACC Woman’s Auxiliary Board both as an underwriter for the event and a major force behind working to make the Live Auction a huge success.

Established in 1967, Howard Area Community Center (HACC) is committed to helping Rogers Park residents in need break the cycle of poverty and forge a path toward stability and independence. HACC’s comprehensive network of innovative, dynamic programs empowers people of all ages to become agents of positive change within their own lives. HACC offers programs in five departments: **Family Center** (early childhood care and education), **Youth** (innovative out-of-school time youth programs), **Howard Area Leadership Academy** (an alternative high school), **Adult Education and Employment** (adult education and employment readiness training, including an Employment Resource Center), and **Health and Human Services** (supportive and community health services). Together, these departments create a comprehensive, integrated network of programs and services designed to build self-sufficiency and help transform the lives of more than 8,000 individuals each year. In addition, Howard Area Community Center reaches more than 30,000 people through its community health outreach activities and walk-in employment services. For more information on HACC, visit www.howardarea.org or call 773-262-6622.

For pictures of the evening, please contact Janelle St. John at 773-262-6622 or jstjohn@howardarea.org.