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NON-PROFIT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT AND SILENT AUCTION

A More Perfect Union Celebrates 20 Years of Serving At-Risk Women in NYC

(NEW YORK, NY - June 23, 2006) In celebration of its 20th anniversary, A More Perfect Union, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting at-risk women, recently held its first spring benefit and silent auction at Bliss Bar and Lounge on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. With more than 100 people in attendance, the organization raised just over \$10,000.

The event, which honored the seven courageous women who founded the organization, will benefit at-risk women in the New York Metropolitan Area. A More Perfect Union trains women who are recovering from addiction, domestic abuse, and homelessness to have supportive, healthy relationships. The organization's Circle of Women program involves the sharing of common experiences to engender trust, promote personal responsibility, and demonstrate the power of strong female bonds. It is delivered by volunteers to approximately 120 women in residential facilities annually. This under-served population is encouraged and supported to take charge of the lives, be responsible for their behavior, improve their communication skills, set and fulfill goals, and build stronger connections with other women.

"This event was an opportunity not only to honor the founding members of A More Perfect Union, but to express our deep appreciation for our wonderful volunteers and donors," said Sarala Dee, President of A More Perfect Union. "Those who attended had a fun-filled evening and a chance to win some fabulous items in the silent auction."

Dee added that the monies raised will support ongoing programs for the women residents of Phoenix House in Brooklyn, The Veritas Therapeutic Community on the Upper West Side, Odyssey House in East Harlem, as well as any future program expansions.

All of the auctioned items, valued at a total of \$18,000, were donated to A More Perfect Union. Based on the success of the first-ever spring benefit, A More Perfect Union hopes to make this a yearly event. For more information on the organization, please visit www.amoreperfectunion.org

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