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WOODMONT ACADEMY GALA ATTRACTS PARENTS, STAFF AND FRIENDS

More than 300 attend annual fundraiser dinner and auction

COOKSVILLE, MD, MARCH 17, 2005 – Howard County Executive James Robey and his wife Janet were among more than 300 parents, staff and friends of Woodmont Academy at the school's ninth annual fundraiser gala held at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center on Saturday, March 5. The six-hour event featured dinner, dancing, silent auction and a live auction featuring auctioneer Jonathan Melnick.

"We truly embrace the sentiment of this year's theme *Mi Casa es Su Casa*," said Katie Sterenka, Gala Chairperson and Woodmont parent. "Our school is like a home where we cultivate, live and share our Catholic faith."

According to Scott F. Brown, Woodmont Academy's Executive Director, the estimated proceeds from the evening's fundraising activities was \$136,000 and will be used to meet operational expenses for the school.

Other guests attending the gala were Tina and Vic Broccolino, President and CEO of Howard County General Hospital; Ana and Roberto Siman, former Woodmont parents who now reside in El Salvador; Woodmont Board members Fr. Steven Reilly, LC and Fr. Robert Weighner, LC; former Woodmont principal Denise Folz; National Consultants of Education ("NCE") School Superintendent Scott Madgey; and Fr. Michael Jendrek, pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church in Ellicott City.

Among this year's premier table sponsors were Harkins Builders, Inc., Howard County General Hospital, The Rachuba Family Foundation, Bonnie Keating – Long & Foster, Terry Smith – Coldwell Banker, The Creel Family, The Singleton Family, Swim with Smutz, Brackett-Zimmermann, LLC, Vocation.com and TruePresence, a division of Alabanza Corporation.

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Three drawings were held throughout the evening and the winners announced were:

- Joseph Ferolito and Carol Sheehy, mother of Woodmont parent Marlene Luciano – winners of one of three Ourisman Chrysler luxury cars or \$30,000 cash
- Alissa DeBoy – First Choice auction winner who walked away with a framed Cal Ripken, Jr. baseball jersey autographed by the famous Baltimore Oriole legend himself
- The Dalyrmples family – winners of free tuition for the 2005-2006 school year.

Founded in 1995, Woodmont Academy is an independent Catholic school located in northern Howard County for pre-K to grade 8 and operating with the approval of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. For more information, call (443) 574-8100 or visit the school's website www.woodmontacademy.org.

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