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Cocktails for a Cause toasted its largest revenue

(CHICAGO – February 27, 2008) – Orchard Village ended the evening with a toast to a successful event on Saturday, February 23. *Manor*, one of the most exclusive and chic Chicago hot spots, teamed up with Orchard Village, a Skokie based not-for-profit organization, to host Cocktails for a Cause. The 4th annual benefit supporting individuals with disabilities raised a record-breaking \$18,500! More than 100 guests came together to enjoy cocktails, a raffle, and a thrilling live auction. An impromptu auction gift from Wilmette's Kala Callahan resolved a bidding war when she offered a second set of tickets to the 2008 Bears vs. Packers game that sold for \$2500 in addition to the \$2500 for the original set of tickets available in the auction, bringing the total live auction revenue to \$8,400.

Orchard Village is a not-for-profit organization that has been supporting people with disabilities for 35 years. Orchard Village's primary focus is based upon person-centered planning. *The use of one-on-one interviews and 21 personal outcome measures ensures that every person controls his or her own destiny.*

Orchard Village provides residential, vocational, intermittent, seniors' day program, specialized services, and in-home respite services to 300 individuals throughout 28 communities in northern Cook County. The most recent addition to Orchard Village is Orchard Academy. The high school provides much needed support for students in special education to develop the vocational, social, and independent living skills necessary to transition successfully into life after high school. For more information about Orchard Village, contact Erika Vavrik at (847) 967-1800 ext. 133, or visit www.orchardvillage.org.

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