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Children's Tumor Foundation Holds Benefit Dinner for NF Research

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New York, NY — Last night, the Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center was buzzing with energy as the Children's Tumor Foundation hosted its 21st Annual Gala Dinner. With a sold out event of over 500 people at the famous venue, the night was dedicated not only to raising funds for neurofibromatosis (NF) research, but also to recognize the contributions of three special people.

The Children's Humanitarian Award, which recognizes those who have made a material impact on the lives of children, was given to Dr. David Feldman, Chief of Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery at New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases, and Mr. Nicholas Bouras, President of Bouras Industries. The CTF Ambassador Award, which is given to a person who has overcome the many challenges of NF, was awarded to Brian Behrens, Director in the Debt Capital Markets Group for Cantor Fitzgerald.

Through the amazing support of the community, this year's Children's Tumor Foundation Gala Dinner raised \$549,000 of net income. John Risner, President, said, "It is gratifying that so many old friends and new supporters joined us in honoring three outstanding individuals. This money will be invested in our newly launched Drug Discovery Initiative. The generosity of the attendees will directly result in five promising compounds being tested for their effectiveness on NF."

The crowd was entertained with a surprise appearance by Sting, who generously agreed to fill in on very short notice. Sting performed several songs with Edin Karamazov from his recently released album "Songs From The Labyrinth" which has been #1 on the US classical charts for 4 consecutive weeks now. He finished off the night with a beautiful rendition of *Fields of Gold* on the lute. "Sting's appearance capped off a wonderful night and made an already special event a truly memorable experience for our guests and honorees. We can't thank him enough," said George Orfanakos, Vice President.

About the Children's Tumor Foundation:

The Children's Tumor Foundation is the leading not-for-profit health organization dedicated to improving the health and well being of the 1 in 3,500 individuals living with neurofibromatosis by funding research to enable effective treatments and ultimately a cure for NF. For more information about the Children's Tumor Foundation, please visit www.ctf.org or call 212-344-6633.

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