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# SUCCESS!

## **\$50,000 RAISED AT THE CARITAS FOUNDATION'S GALA**

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On Saturday March 28, 2009, the Caritas Foundation held its annual spring Gala titled **The Harmony Ball**, to raise funds and to benefit the Caritas Project. With over 350 people in attendance, the Gala was a huge success as it raised \$50,000, kicking off the fundraising activities associated with the Caritas 15th Annual Telethon (aired on TLN Television this April).

The Caritas Foundation's vision and purpose is to ensure the vitality of Caritas Project by providing the necessary funding for its programs and services. Caritas Project, also known as *a school of life*, has been providing services to families for over 20 years. Caritas is a therapeutic community with a focus on addiction recovery and substance abuse education. To find out more about Caritas Project, please visit [www.caritas.ca](http://www.caritas.ca)

The Master of Ceremonies, Richard Barbaro (President of Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association) led this very special evening. Key addresses were made by Michael Tibollo (Chairman of the Caritas Foundation) and Father Gianni Carparelli (Founder of Caritas Project).

Highlights of the evening included a special award presentation to TLN Television for their generous and significant contribution made to Caritas Project over the past 15 years. John Montesano, Vice President and the General Manager of Telelatino accepted the award and addressed the public.

Caritas derives the majority of its funding through private and public donations, and fundraising events such as the annual Gala and the Telethon. Caritas would like to extend its appreciation to all donors, sponsors and volunteers who took a part in making the Gala a big success.

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