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FOCUS Gala on February 26 Spotlights 'CABARET & CABERNET'

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28th Annual 'For the Love of Children' Dinner Dance and Silent Auction
Will Be Hosted at the Thalia N. Carlos Center

Atlanta - On Saturday, February 26, FOCUS, the Atlanta-based organization reaching almost 3,000 local families of children with disabilities or ongoing medical needs, will host its 28th annual fundraising event at the Thalia N. Carlos Hellenic Community Center.

"This year, the theme of our gala event is 'Cabaret & Cabernet,'" says Lucy Cusick, Executive Director of the non-profit organization. "Danielle Moore, Randall Sheffield and Elaine Wade will present a collection of grand musical cabaret numbers and transport our guests back to the hey-day of live theater - guest attire is "Black Tie / Boa optional!"

In addition to 'Cabaret & Cabernet,' the evening features dinner, dancing, and a very popular silent auction. The evening starts at 6:30 PM with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and complimentary cabernet selections, followed by dinner at 7:30 PM and dancing at 9 PM. Some individual tickets @ $150 per person are still available, as are a variety of sponsorships from $500 to $10,000. All proceeds benefit FOCUS programs for children with special needs.

"Every year at "For the Love of Children," FOCUS parents, doctors, volunteers and supporters come together for a sparkling evening to celebrate FOCUS, our children and families, and the programs we offer, thanks to the support of our guests," notes **Cusick**. "In addition, we raise awareness of our organization and the many services we provide."

FOCUS was founded in 1983 when two medically fragile children shared a hospital room at then Egleston Hospital for Children. The parents of these children became friends, finding in each other friendship, information and hope. Together, they founded FOCUS to help families cope with the overwhelming struggles of parenting a child with special needs.

Throughout the entire metropolitan Atlanta area, FOCUS now hosts regular Share Groups; workshops; conferences; community respite care; FAST Fins (FOCUS Adapted Swim Team); family days at Six Flags Over Georgia, the Georgia Aquarium, and Zoo Atlanta; and various day and overnight camps, including Camp TEAM, Camp Hollywood, Camp Infinity, and Under the Stars Family Camp. Every contribution is welcome: $100 helps send a FOCUS child to day camp; $250 support FOCUS family activities, and $500 helps send a FOCUS teenager to overnight camp www.focus-ga.org.

Other major FOCUS fundraising events scheduled in 2011 include:

o Wednesday, April 27, 2011: FORE FOCUS Golf Classic at Bear's Best Atlanta

o Saturday, August 6, 2011: SummerFest at SweetWater Brewery

o Saturday, September 24, 2011: Run the Farm for FOCUS 5K Trail Run & 1 Mile Family Walk

ABOUT FOCUS

Atlanta-based FOCUS (Families of Children Under Stress) was founded in 1983 to offer emotional, informational and physical support to families of children with disabilities or ongoing medical needs. Currently, FOCUS reaches almost 3,000 families in metro Atlanta through a variety of programs including summer camp, family camp, support groups, community respite, hospital support

and family activities. FOCUS serves ordinary families facing extraordinary circumstances, and networks parents who share common experiences and information with each other, providing a sense of community to families with children with disabilities. FOCUS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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