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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
FOURTH ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S GALA: A CELEBRATION TO PROVIDE
HELP & CREATE HOPE WAS A VICTORY**

Newark, NJ, May 6, 2009- The Fourth Annual Archbishop's Gala for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark was a victory. Despite the financial downturn, the Gala raised over \$200,000.00 for the Agency. Over 200 people, committed to Catholic Charities' mission, enjoyed the evening at Nanina's in Park in Belleville, NJ. New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine attended the Gala and spoke about Catholic Charities' good works and its' impact to those we serve. He also recognized the generosity and modesty of Slavco Madzarov, the honoree for Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Henry Amoroso, Esq., Chairman of the Board for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Dr. Phillip Frese, President and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities gave an excellent speech touching on each of the components that comprises the Catholic Charities Agency. Archbishop Myers presented the "*Humanitarian of the Year*" award to the honoree, Slavco Madzarov of Clifton, NJ for his charitable acts and contributions. Along with the Humanitarian of the Year Award, Archbishop Myers presented the "*Spirit of the Heart Award*" to Curtis Cottle, Shalga Hightower, and Flomo S. Gayflor. They are shining examples of individuals that benefited from Catholic Charities programs and continue the commitment to serving others. The presentation of the awards was touching and emphasized the importance of the services that Catholic Charities' provides.

Many New Jersey and Macedonian Officials acknowledged Catholic Charities' dedication and Mr. Madzarov's graciousness and kindness by attending or participating in the Gala. Including NJ Governor, Jon Corzine, Governor, Richard Codey, U.S. Senator, Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Congressman, Bill Pascrell, U.S. Congressman, Herb Klein, Congressman, Republic of Macedonia Ambassador, Zoran Joleveski, Representative to the United Nations, Slobodan Taskovski, General Consulate, Zvonko Mucunski, State Senators, Paul Sarlo and Bob Gordon, Assemblyman, Thomas Giblin, Essex County Executive, Joe DiVincenzo, Sheriff Armondo Fontura, Passaic County Sheriff, Jerry Speziale, County Clerk, Karen Brown, Newark Mayor, Corey Booker, Jersey City Mayor, Jerramiah Healy, Patterson Mayor, Jose Torres, Clifton Mayor, James Anzaldi, President of the United Macedonian Diaspora, Meto Koloski, Father Slobodan Petkovski from Macedonian Orthodox Church Sts. Kiril and Metodij of Cedar Grove, Father Marjan Dimitrievski from St. Nikola Macedonian Orthodox Church of Totowa, prominent businessman, Zvonko Veskov, Professor Dr. Goraz Rosoklija from Columbia University, and Petar Kolundzjevski from Macedonian Human Rights – New Jersey/New York.

The big surprise of the evening was the presentation of a \$100,000.00 check from Slavco to Catholic Charities. Dr. Frese said "We are proud to honor Slavco Madzarov as the Humanitarian of the Year. Success has not gone to his head, but to his heart. Catholic Charities expresses its gratitude for Slavco's gracious gift. We are also appreciative of all the sponsors and the planning committee that made this year's Gala a victory for Catholic Charities."

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit social service Agency of the Roman Catholic Church within the Archdiocese of Newark. As one of New Jersey's oldest and largest Agencies, Catholic Charities serves approximately 69,000 individuals and families each year who need assistance, and provides a greater sense of self worth and dignity to those it serves. This mission is pursued through a network of caring, effective, and well-managed social service professionals within the four counties served by the Archdiocese: Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union. Catholic Charities is a Ministry of the Church, a concrete illustration of the Church's commitment to ease suffering and bring social justice and hope to all, without regard to religion, race or culture.

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