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**EDIE BRICKELL PERFORMED AT THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH FUND'S
ANNUAL GALA DINNER**

***SIMON & GARFUNKEL RECEIVED SPECIAL AWARD
&
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION***

*THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WAS ILLUMINATED
BLUE AND YELLOW IN RECOGNITION OF THE EVENT*

The Children's Health Fund (CHF), co-founded by singer/songwriter Paul Simon and pediatrician/child advocate Irwin Redlener, M.D., hosted its annual gala dinner which raised over \$1.2 million. CHF is one of the nation's largest providers of medical care to homeless and disadvantaged children.

The gala honored Peter Dolan, Chairman and CEO of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. The Bristol-Myers Squibb Company is a partner with CHF in the Starting Right initiative, a program designed to target the epidemic increase in obesity and pediatric Type 2 Diabetes.

The event was hosted by Today's Al Roker, and featured a special award ceremony for Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. Councilmen Eric Gioia presented them with a proclamation by New York City declaring May 20th "Simon and Garfunkel Day," and CHF patients gave the duo a "Thanks a Million" award in appreciation of their million-dollar donation to CHF. Edie Brickell and her band The Nude's performance received a standing ovation. The Empire State Building lit up the city's skyline blue and yellow (CHF's colors) to commemorate the occasion.

Chairs who Attended:

Gala Chair: Robert Essner, Chairman, President and CEO Wyeth.

Dinner Chairs: Willard S. Boothby III, Carol and Robert Tannenhauser

Dinner Co-Chairs: Patrick G. LePore, Wendy and Jeffrey Maurer

Other Special Guest:

Thomas Friedan, M.D., Commissioner New York City Department of Health

Who: The Children's Health Fund

What: Annual Gala Dinner

- hosted by Al Roker
- honorary host: Jane Pauley
- Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel to receive special award
- performance by Edie Brickell

When: Wednesday, May 19th, 2004
6:30 pm - Cocktails
7:30 pm - Dinner, Awards & Performance

Where: Hilton New York

Ticket Info: \$750 - \$1000
(Black tie optional)

The Children's Health Fund is committed to providing health care to the nation's most medically underserved children through the development and support of innovative pediatric programs and the promotion of guaranteed access to appropriate health care for all children. To date, The Children's Health Fund's national network of 17 pediatric programs has treated more than 300,000 children. For more information visit www.childrenshealthfund.org