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A Sweet Sixteen Gets Even Sweeter

One young girl sees her birthday celebration at the Hilton as a chance to help others.

[New York] — October 13, 2009 — On Saturday, November 21, 2009, Megan Ajello will be celebrating her sixteenth birthday by giving instead of receiving. Megan, a freshman at Bishop Ahearn High School, wheelchair bound for her entire life with cerebral palsy wants to bring happiness to children less fortunate than herself, telling her mother; “I don’t need anything - I’d rather donate to others.” Megan is requesting that instead of Birthday gifts, guests donate to Toys for Tots at a table set up in Nicotria’s Ballroom, at the Hilton Garden Inn where the event is located.

This is not the first time that Megan has dedicated her time to those who are less fortunate. She works for a business called “Possibili-Tees,” a full service screen-printing business that creates job opportunities for people who are disabled and includes transitional training and employment opportunities for the handicapped. “Possibili-Tees,” whose profits go to Autism research, will be making the favors for Megan’s party. Megan also helped the Special Olympics recently when she and her family raised more than \$1,000 by running a lemonade stand in their driveway. On Your Mark, a Staten Island based non-profit organization that provides services to children and adults with various disabilities, was hired to provide the centerpieces for Megan’s party.

The Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. The program was founded in 1947 and is run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. From 1991 – 2008, the Foundation received 81.3

million toys valued at \$487 million. This program helps less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas and unites all members of local communities in a common cause to contribute to better communities in the future.

Hilton Garden Inn owners Lois and Richard Nicotra, certainly no strangers to philanthropy, will be asking their employees to donate to Megan's cause. In addition the general public is welcome to donate. Please bring donations to the Tea House Garden pre-function area at The Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 South Avenue at Lois Lane between 12 p.m. and 5p.m. on Saturday November 21st. Staff Sgt. David Karnes will be on hand to pick up donations on behalf of the Toys for Tots program. Lois and Richard Nicotra and the staff of the Hilton Garden Inn and Nicotra's Ballroom are proud to assist Miss Ajello with her charitable deed.

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For event information:

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For more information on Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island and Nicotra's Ballroom:

www.NicotrasBallroom.com www.LorenzosDining.com