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WE ARE FAMILY FOUNDATION® TO HOST SIXTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION GALA
*Deepak Chopra M.D., Henry Juskiewicz and Patti LaBelle to be honored for their
commitment to peace*

New York, NY (April 17, 2008) --- For the first time in years, **Patti LaBelle will reunite with original LaBelle members Sarah Dash and Nona Hendryx at The Sixth Annual Celebration Gala** supporting **We Are Family Foundation**, a not-for-profit organization founded by legendary songwriter/musician/producer **Nile Rodgers**, on **Monday, April 28 at Manhattan Center's Hammerstein Ballroom** in New York City. The unforgettable evening will feature a reception hosted by **Gibson Foundation**, dinner, a live auction hosted by **Montel Williams** and a special award ceremony in which **Deepak Chopra, M.D., Henry Juskiewicz, CEO, Gibson Guitar Corp.** and **Patti LaBelle** will be honored for their contributions toward fulfilling We Are Family Foundation's mission. Additional live musical performances by **Eric Benét; Micky Dolenz**, formerly of The Monkees; **Nile Rodgers & Chic**; and **Slash**, will help make this fundraising event, which is chaired by **Khaliah Ali and Richard Schaeffer, Chairman, NYMEX Holdings & New York Mercantile Exchange**, a night to remember.

In addition, **Tiffany & Co.** will show its support for the cause through the Mystery Blue Box presentation. Guests can purchase a Mystery Blue Box for \$100 at the event. All boxes will contain a Tiffany gift, but five special boxes will contain a dazzling Tiffany jewel valued at more than \$1,500.

We Are Family Foundation embodies Gandhi's famous saying: **"If you want change, you must be the change."** Following in this path, the Foundation will present three awards at the Gala Celebration: Deepak Chopra, M.D. will receive the **Mattie J.T. Stepanek Peacemaker Award** for his efforts towards promoting a more peaceful society; Henry Juskiewicz will receive the **Visionary Award** for his personal and corporate philanthropic achievements; and Patti LaBelle will receive the **Humanitarian Award** for her work towards improving human welfare on a global basis.

"The mission of We Are Family Foundation is to celebrate the vision of a global family by creating and supporting programs that inspire and educate people about mutual respect, understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity," says Nile Rodgers, Founder & Chairman of We Are Family Foundation. "Each of these individuals has gone above and beyond to give voice to this effort by promoting a universal message of peace and hope."

Tickets to the Gala can be purchased by contacting Devin Cox at 212.397.4333, extension 304. The reception hosted by Gibson Foundation will kick off at 6:30PM on April 28 and the ceremony will directly follow at 7:30PM. Manhattan Center's Hammerstein Ballroom is located at 311 West 34th Street in New York City.

About We Are Family Foundation

The "We Are Family Project" began in response to the tragic events of September 11th. Legendary songwriter/producer Nile Rodgers and Tommy Boy Music president, Tom Silverman gathered 200 celebrities on the weekend of September 22nd to re-record Nile's world renowned hit song "We Are Family" to commence the healing process. The recording sessions that weekend again proved the song's power to give hope and allow people to feel better through an uplifting beat and a message of unity. The event was captured on film as a documentary by director Danny Schechter entitled *The Making and Meaning of We Are Family* and a music video by director Spike Lee. Nile had no idea that the hit song he and his late music partner Bernard Edwards wrote for Sister Sledge in 1979 would be a part of history again by helping to bring people together and give hope that we can live together in a peaceful world. The We Are Family Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization was formed in 2002 to promote diversity, understanding, respect and the vision of a global family. For more information on the foundation, visit www.wearefamilyfoundation.org.

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