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**Valentini event raises funds and awareness for the
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**

Toronto, ON, February 16, 2007 - Cupid was hard at work last night at Devil's Martini, helping attendees enjoy the spirit of Valentine's Day and helping raise funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF).

Both singles and couples filled Devil's Martini bar in downtown Toronto for a fun and decadent evening of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dancing, entertainment and networking. There were nearly 200 people in attendance at this first-annual event. While totals are still being calculated, it is expected that the event will raise more than \$12,000! Most importantly, every ticket sold and dollar spent on CCFF activities at Valentini will bring the CCFF one step closer to finding a cure for this fatal and devastating disease.

The star of the evening was Toronto Argonauts Wide Receiver Michael Palmer and members of the Blue Thunder cheerleading squad, who made a special appearance and mingled with guests. CCFF is grateful for the generous support from sponsors and donors such as the Toronto Argonauts football team, Devil's Martini, and Dolce.

We hope to see you at next year's event! For more information on the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's many fundraising activities, such as the upcoming **Great Strides Walk** on Sunday, May 27, please visit www.ccfftoronto.ca or call the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Toronto office at 416-932-3900 x225.

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is the most common, fatal genetic disease affecting young Canadians. It affects primarily the lungs and the digestive system. The CCFF is a Canada-wide health charity, with more than 50 volunteer chapters, that funds CF research and care. In 2006, the Foundation will support 49 research projects, which are exploring all aspects of the CF puzzle; from investigating new methods of fighting infection and inflammation in the lungs, to finding new approaches in CF therapy that target the basic genetic defect in CF. The Foundation is a world leader in the fight against CF: the gene responsible for CF was identified in 1989 by a Canadian-led team of CCFF-funded researchers. When the CCFF was established in 1960, most children with CF did not live long enough to attend kindergarten; today, half of all Canadians with CF are expected to live into their late 30s, and even beyond.

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