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DAVID LAWRENCE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES CO-CHAIRS FOR SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER; SPONSORSHIPS AND TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Naples, FL - The David Lawrence Foundation is pleased to announce the honorary co-chairs for their signature fundraiser **Hong Kong: The Exotic Far East** being held **Friday, January 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Naples Yacht Club** (700 14th Avenue South). The honorary co-chairs are community philanthropists **Joyce and Bill O'Meara** and their children **Cristal & Jim O'Meara**. As founding trustees of the Naples Children and Education Foundation's Naples Winter Wine Festival, the O'Mearas are passionate about helping others and have focused much of their philanthropic support on local children's agencies.

The Foundation's signature event is a creative and entertaining destination driven gala. This year's port of call will deliver a sophisticated fusion of East and West where new and old meet at every turn. Guests will celebrate the Chinese New Year amidst beautiful, traditional Chinese décor including lions, dragons, drums and dramatic colors encased in a chic, Zen-like atmosphere. Dinner, dancing, entertainment and an exclusive silent auction will add to the event's excitement. All proceeds will benefit the mental health and substance abuse programs at the David Lawrence Center. An exclusive, private VIP party will be held the evening before the event for sponsors and patrons.

There are a variety of **sponsorship opportunities and levels currently available**. **Tickets** to the event are **\$500 per person** and **\$1,200 per patron**. For additional information or to reserve a ticket, please call the Foundation at **239-354-1434**.

David Lawrence Foundation raises funds to support the programs and services of David Lawrence Center, a not-for-profit, community mental health center that provides affordable mental health and substance abuse services in Southwest Florida. In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional and substance abuse challenges, the Center provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness. David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of over 17,000 clients a year. It is David Lawrence Center's mission to restore and rebuild the lives of all of those in need. More information about David Lawrence Center can be found online at davidlawrencecenter.org.

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