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EASTER SEALS NS GALA DINNER & AUCTION

Easter Seals Nova Scotia celebrates its 10th annual Gala Dinner and Auction with over 600 guests on October 27, 2009 from 5:30-9:30pm at the World Trade and Convention Centre Ballroom, 1800 Argyle St in Halifax. The Gala Dinner and Auction is one of Easter Seals Nova Scotia's largest fundraising events. All proceeds go towards programs and services for Nova Scotians with physical disabilities.

Highlights of the evening include a cocktail hour reception with entertainment by Geordie Brown, a Charm Diamond raffle and silent auction, followed by a three-course meal, and live auction. Special guests include Captain (Navy) John Newton and Mr. Ron Joyce, co-founder of Tim Horton's.

The evening celebrates Easter Seals Nova Scotia and the Canadian Navy's Centennial project, *Dolphins on Parade*. The auction includes three Dolphins, painted by Nova Scotian artists. Other live auction items include four experience trips (with airfare and hotel for two): Le Cordon Bleu Paris 5-night adventure, New York Broadway 4-night package, America's Cup Stars and Stripes experience in San Diego 4-night package, and Napa Wine Country Insiders' Tour of Napa's favorites 3-night package. Jewelry in the live auction includes Charm's stunning anniversary ring and other select items.

Our online auction closes October 26th for a package trip to the 2010 Superbowl XLIV in Miami. The package includes a 4-night stay (Fountainbleau Hotel Miami), airfare for two, and priceless NFL experiences. Bid online at www.easterseals.ns.ca.

Contact Easter Seals Nova Scotia to purchase individual seats or a table for 10 at the Gala. Individual Seats are \$125 and Tables of 10 are \$1,125 (with a savings of \$125).

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100 percent of money raised by Easter Seals Nova Scotia stays in our province for programs and services for Nova Scotians with physical disabilities in areas of Active Living, Assistive Devices, and Family & Community Support.
