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The South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC) would greatly appreciate your support for adult literacy and education within your community through a donation of an item(s) for our 2010 Annual Gala. Your in-kind donation will be a part of either the silent or live auction portion of our event. Please know that your donation will play a critical role in helping us reach and *exceed* our fundraising goals last year. A brochure is attached to provide you with a full description of our programs or you may visit our website at www.southbaltimorelearns.org.

The event is being held on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Last year, more than 300 guests attended the gala, and viewed the donated items. The event will be held again this year at Montgomery Park Business Center to support our organization and its literacy programs. Our corporate sponsors last year included Wheelabrator Baltimore, L.P., Ellin & Tucker, Chartered, M&T Bank, Associated Italian American charities, Venable, LLP, Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown, Ober Kaler, Verizon, Abbey Drum Company, Shoppers, Bay Vanguard, Kathy Kahler & Associates, and MECU. Our media sponsors last year were Fox 45 TV, Baltimore Sun and WYPR radio.

Guests will be entertained by the live sounds of *New Monopoly* and dance to a range of musical sounds. Our guests will also get to enjoy complimentary food and drinks donated by some of Baltimore's hottest restaurants and caterers. Individual tickets are priced at \$100 each. The event is black tie optional.

The mission of SBLC is to improve the self-sufficiency of educationally disadvantaged adults. SBLC is a community based non-profit organization providing functional literacy and life skills training, in addition to career preparation services, to residents in the Baltimore Area. We serve over 1,000 learners a year with Adult Basic Education, Pre-GED, and GED classes. We also run the Baltimore City External Diploma Program, computer skill classes, one-on-one tutoring, and related services including career counseling. Our vision is to promote adult literacy in order to break the cycle of low educational attainment in generations of families and make economic opportunities available for individuals and their families. We invite you to visit the Center at any time to learn more about what we do and tour our wonderful facility at 28 East Ostend Street.

Please complete the auction donation form and return it to the address or fax number on the form. If you cannot have the item delivered to SBLC at 28 E. Ostend Street, please indicate that you will need someone to contact you regarding pick-up. ALL proceeds from our annual gala will benefit South Baltimore Learning Center.

We appreciate your support in helping us *change lives...educate minds!*

Sincerely,

Vicki Pepper
Auction Committee, 2010 Annual Gala

Robin Davidov
Auction Committee, 2010 Annual Gala

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