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***Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's Grapes for Grades Helps
Raise Money for Local High School Students
Event now featuring Joan Carwright***

HOLLYWOOD, FL –Join the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for the ultimate grape experience served with a side dish of Hollywood – *Grapes For Grades*. The fundraising event, now in its 6th year, will take place on Friday, October 17th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Hollywood Beach Marriott (2501 N. Ocean Drive). This upscale evening includes wine tasting, gourmet food, jazz, a silent auction and a raffle drawing for a luxury 14-day Mediterranean cruise.

Proceeds from Grapes will go to benefit the Hollywood Florida Scholarship Foundation, a 501C-3 organization that provides college scholarships to deserving high school seniors from local Hollywood high schools.

The silent auction will include an eclectic mix of travel packages, jewelry, sports memorabilia, gift baskets, golf packages and much more.

Guests will also enjoy the smooth sounds from the diva herself – Joan Cartwright. The acclaimed song writer, composer and author will be the evening's featured entertainment.

Don't forget the evening culminates with the announcement of our winner of the Oceania 14-day Mediterranean cruise! The lucky winner will depart from Spain and coast their way to Istanbul. The trip includes a fabulous itinerary with stops in France, Italy, Greece and Turkey (airfare is included, but taxes, gratuity, surcharges and Turkish visa are to be provided by winner). Raffle tickets for the cruise getaway are only **\$100** each!

"The \$100 we spent on the raffle ticket was the best \$100 we've ever spent," says Dori Lynn Neuwirth of Atlantic Sands, 2005 Oceania cruise winner.

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"A \$13,000 first-class Mediterranean cruise - with a balcony view no less - for the price of a nice dinner out. You can't beat that! If we hadn't won, we still would have been happy to donate the money to such a worthy cause. We plan to buy a couple more tickets this year."

Since its inception, the Chamber's Grapes For Grades event has donated over \$120,000 to the Hollywood Florida Scholarship Foundation.

Participating restaurants include:

Argentango Grill
Luce Restaurant & Grill
Mama Mia
Falafel Fusion
Gino's Italian American Deli & Meat Market
Over the Top Catering
Nilus Delights
Panchos Backyard
Dave & Buster's of Hollywood
CC's Fish Camp
Moonlite Diner
La Baracca
Latitudes
Winn Dixie

Presenting sponsors include the Community Redevelopment Agency – Beach District, Hollywood Police Department, Gino's Italian American Deli & Meat Market, Intercredit Bank, Nova Southeastern University and the Sun-Sentinel.

Support the cause and become a sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Donations will also be accepted.

Tickets are on sale now! They are \$60 pre-event and \$70 at the door. Event and raffle tickets can be purchased at the Chamber building (330 N. Federal Highway) or online at www.hollywoodchamber.org.

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