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## THE 8TH ANNUAL WE ARE FAMILY FOUNDATION EMBRACES GLOBAL PARTNERS OF ALL AGES



The red carpet was out at The Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City for the annual fundraising Gala of founder Nile Rodgers's We Are Family Foundation, and as usual it attracted a glamorous crowd. The star-studded VIP guest list included co-hosts Mo Rocca and Rosie Perez, Steven Van Zandt, Kate Pierson, Joanna Bennett, U.S. Senator Mark Warner, Ethan Bortnick, U.S. Special Representative Farah Pandith, Bruce Weber, Nan Bush, David and Susan Rockefeller Jr., Seward and Joyce Johnson, and Donna D'Cruz. The honorees also took the time to pose and talk to the media, whom this year were Jackson Browne, Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye, and Norma and Russ Ramsey.



The evening started with a focus on the Foundation's Three Dot Dash® initiative, which supports teen leaders around the world who work on projects to promote peace by addressing basic human needs. Following the welcome from the co-hosts, eight Global Teen Leaders from the initiative introduced themselves and their projects. The initiative was started in honor of the late Mathew J.T. Stepanek, better known as just Mattie. Suffering from a rare form of muscular dystrophy, Mattie tragically passed just three weeks shy of 14 years old, yet in that short time he became a The New York Times bestseller poet and essayist. He was also a tireless peace advocate and motivational speaker, and lobbied in



Washington D.C. on behalf of people with disabilities, and children with life-threatening conditions. It was clear from their presentation that the Global Team Leaders truly embody the memory of Mattie.

The event was a huge success, raising millions for the founda-

tion. Guests made this happen in a variety of ways. Tekserve donated mystery envelopes containing iTunes store gift certificates, and a lucky few with iPods. The live auction had a number of priceless items, and bringing in \$35,000 the top earner was a guitar signed by Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band, a rare event organized by Steven Van Zandt. Also included were two tickets to 2011 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Awards next spring. Other big ticket items included a portrait sitting with famed fashion photographer Bruce Weber for \$25,000, and a private one-on-one lesson with Jackson Brown that included a signed custom "Jackson Browne" guitar plus lunch for \$20,000. Plus, nine Global Teen Leaders were sponsored for \$10,000 each.

The night culminated in a rocking performance by Jackson Brown, Steven Van Zandt, and Nile Rodgers with his band CHIC. Guest rose from their chairs to mingle on the dance floor in front of the stage. The entire audience joined Nile on stage for a rousing rendition of his hit We Are Family.

To learn more about **We Are Family Foundation** visit [www.wearefamily-foundation.org](http://www.wearefamily-foundation.org). To learn more about the Three Dot Dash® visit [threedotdash.org](http://threedotdash.org).