

A THOUSAND   
PAPER CRANES  
*An Evening to make Wishes come true*

January 26, 2012

Dear Isabella,

On Thursday March 1st, 2012, Michael & Diane Clemons are hosting the THOUSAND PAPER CRANES GALA in support of the **Michael "Pinball" Clemons Foundation**. For those of you that joined us for the Blueprint Gala last year, or if you are a first time guest, you will take part in an inspiring evening of fun, friends and philanthropy at the Fairmont Royal York, Toronto.

***Join us as we Unite to Make Dreams Come True***

The symbol of the crane became associated with world peace in honour of a young Japanese girl named Sadako Sasaki, who lived near the city of Hiroshima, Japan, during World War II. Sadako was exposed to radiation from the atomic bomb that was dropped when she was just two years old. Years after being exposed to radiation from the bombs, Sadako was admitted to hospital and began folding paper cranes, in reference to the ancient Japanese story that promises that anyone who folds a thousand origami cranes will be granted a wish by the Gods. As the story is told, Sadako fell short of her goal of folding 1,000 cranes, having folded only 644 before her death, and her friends completed the 1,000 and buried them all with her.

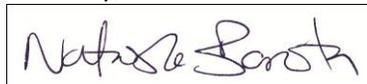
After Sadako's death, the story of her paper cranes took flight and is now seen as a symbol for peace on Earth. Today, people from Japan pay tribute to the tragedy and come together each year to fold origami cranes in hopes to bring about world peace and universal good health... a dream we universally share.

Now in our fifth year, the **Michael "Pinball" Clemons Foundation** continues to fulfill the dreams of under resourced families and youth within our communities and around the world. Each year we assist deserving local families to achieve the seemingly impossible dream of home ownership; support students with scholarships that are struggling both personally and financially; and provide computers to youth in under resourced communities providing a level playing field. Through Free the Children Adopt a Village campaign, we are into our third year of a five year commitment to build 131 schools in developing countries having raised enough funds to complete 90 schools to date. With your continued support, this is only the beginning.

We are kindly requesting a **silent auction donation of a piece of jewelry**. We will list your company name on our thank you page in the Gala program.

On behalf of Michael and the **Michael "Pinball" Clemons Foundation**, we thank you for your consideration. If you would like more information on this event, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-428-9898 ext. 100.

Sincerely,



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