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FIRST TIME FUNDRAISING EVENT EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

Central Ohio Chapter Chairperson, Maureen Nash, Was Honored By The Huntington's Disease Society of America

Columbus, OH (July 2005) - It is common for foundations to get stuck in to the same patterns and events for fundraising. Sometimes a fresh idea is created and with the right frame of mind can be very successful. **The Huntington's Disease Society of America** Central Ohio Chapter, **Maureen Nash** is given the national award for "**Best New Fundraiser**" for her organization of the gala held April 2004.

This **first time fundraising event** took place at the Ramada Inn Ballroom [location], a central location for local members. The 125 attendees arrived in cocktail attire ready to "dance the night away," also the theme for the event. They were welcomed by several volunteers, including a DJ and local radio-talent, DJ Joe Boxer (92.3FM), the evening's emcee. Tickets were purchased for \$25 a person or \$250 a table. It was decided to keep the prices low in order to attract those who were new to the organization and unfamiliar with Huntington's Disease. Along with a night of dancing, the guests were able to bid and browse the extensive variety of silent auction items donated to the event.

The gala took nearly three months to organize and there was absolutely no cost involved. The evening was completely coordinated by chairperson, Maureen Nash along with several friends and volunteers. In total the event raised \$9,000, which was tripled by an anonymous donor.

The Huntington's Disease Society of America is a national non-profit health agency dedicated to finding a cure for Huntington's Disease (HD) while providing vital support, information and educational services to improve the lives of those affected by HD. Through a national network of volunteer-based chapters and affiliates, the organization provides resources and guidance for families of those suffering from the disease. For additional information, please visit www.hdsacentralohio.org.

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