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**The Garden Party Foundation Presents:
The Garden Party at Academy of the Sacred Heart**

Benefiting Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan and OCC Culinary Studies Institute

Bloomfield Hills, Mich., May 10, 2010 – The Garden Party Foundation will celebrate its second annual event, *The Garden Party*, on Sunday, June 13, 2010, 1 to 4 PM, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. This event will raise money for two Michigan-based organizations, Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan and Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute.

The Garden Party will feature fare from more than 30 of Michigan's best restaurants, including Andiamo, Beverly Hills Grill, Ocean Prime, and Rugby Grill, among others. The exquisite cuisine offered during the affair will also be paired with 100 of the finest wines. There will be live entertainment and guests are invited to bring their classic cars to display. More than 500 people are expected to attend the event.

Tickets for *The Garden Party* are \$100 per person. Attire is traditional Garden Party chic. The event hosts are requesting that ladies wear hats. Guests must be 18 and older to attend the event. Visit www.thegardenpartymichigan.org for more information.

The Garden Party is presented by The Garden Party Foundation and sponsored by Atlas Oil, Bodman LLP, Charity Motors, Celani Family Vineyards, Comerica, English Gardens, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, Hour Detroit, The Somerset Collection, Suburban Collection, Moon Valley Rustic Furniture and UHY Advisors, Inc.

"*The Garden Party* exceeded our expectations last year and we look forward to another successful event in June. This year we are pleased to announce that we will have restaurant representation from across the entire state, including northern Michigan and Ann Arbor," said Sydney L. Ross, founder of The Garden Party Foundation. "Last year's event raised \$40,000 for both Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan and the OCC Culinary Studies Institute. We invite guests to experience *The Garden Party* not to enjoy delectable cuisine, fine wines, and entertainment, but also to support two worth-while Michigan charities."

Supporters can also contribute to the Garden Party Foundation by dining or shopping at the fine stores and restaurants of The Somerset Collection. From Thursday, June 3-Saturday, June 5, 2010, The Somerset Collection will donate 10% of all shoppers' purchases, up to \$50,000, to The Garden Party Foundation. Shoppers are asked to save all receipts and submit them to the South Concierge Desk to be recorded. All receipts will be returned.

Headquartered in Troy, Michigan, Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is a statewide agency helping Michigan families cope with leukemia, lymphoma, and related disorders by providing information, financial assistance, and emotional support.

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute provides students with hands-on experiences in one of the largest facilities of its type, with quality instruction by award-winning faculty.

About The Garden Party Foundation

The Garden Party Foundation was founded by Sydney L. Ross and his wife, Elizabeth. The Garden Party event was initiated and is maintained by The J. Lewis Cooper family and Elizabeth and Sydney L. Ross Foundation. The purpose of The Garden Party is to create a pleasant Sunday afternoon that is pleasing to the eye, the palate, and for its charitable aspect – pleasing to the soul. The Garden Party Foundation's mission is to support multiple local charities and use money raised to support Michigan causes. The foundation also aims to make The Garden Party the finest and most prominent food and wine event in the state. The Garden Party Foundation can be reached at 313.852.3951 or visit www.thegardenpartymichigan.org.