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NAVTP Annual Manhattan Cruise Benefits EESF

The New York Region of the National Association of Vertical Transportation Professionals held its 14th annual dinner cruise around lower Manhattan on Thursday, August 16, 2007. Dockside cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served at 5:30 p.m. where guests caught the first glimpse of the cityscape at sunset as the ship departed.

The event benefited the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation, whose mission is to educate the public on the safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walks through informational programs. As a result of the overwhelming participation and sell-out circumstances, the NAVTP New York Region once again donated \$15,000 to the EESF to help the Foundation carry out its mission.

By reason of the participants' continued generosity and support over the years, the New York Region of NAVTP has, to date, donated over \$174,000 to the Foundation. The donation by this event alone equates to over half a million second grade children gaining from the Safe-T Rider educational program.

A special thank you goes to the Fundraising Committee: Bill Mogg (Chairman), Joseph J. Neto, Jr., Rolf Hoerauf and John C. Saling. These gentlemen work tirelessly each year to make sure this event is a success. This year, EESF paid a special recognition to the "behind the scenes" committee members: Sarah Amor (JN&A), Rida Cekic (JN&A) and Melissa Aponte (Lift-Tech). Each received a sterling silver necklace with a silver sailboat pendant as a small token of appreciation from EESF. These ladies spend a great deal of volunteer time and effort to help the fundraising committee complete its task.

EESF Executive Director, Barbara Allen, said, "It never ceases to amaze me the support we get out of New York. The dedication from the volunteers to help ensure

that EESF receives support each year is monumental to our success. The fact that the boat is a sell-out each year relays the message that the industry as a whole is behind the efforts of EESF, as well. We are truly a blessed industry.”

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