

Pave the Way Foundation of New York Co-Sponsors Successful Star-Studded Benefit Concert in Venice, Italy

Three-hour Benefit Concert Benefits the Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza Hospital

New York, NY, November 17, 2005—Pave the Way Foundation is pleased to announce the resounding success of the benefit historic concert presented on November 14, 2005 at the Palazzo del Cinema in Venice, Italy. The concert, a collaboration between Antonietta Torsello, Sig. Eugenio Masiero and Pave the Way Foundation, featured vocalists Gino Vannelli along with 31 other world-renowned jazz and classical artists.

The star-studded performer's list included Patti Austin, Gino Vannelli, Orchestra D'archi Italiana, Simon Solomon Webbe, Mario Brunello, Sheila Escovedo (Sheila E.), Pet Escovedo, Juan Escovedo, Joe Rotundi, Michael Alverado, Kerry Loeschen, Raymond McKinley, Dino Saldo, Peter Erskine, Joe Vannelli, Rita Marcotulli, Mark Kelso, Alain Caron, Palle Danielson, Massimo Quarta, Jimmi Haslip, Antonio Torsello, Rossi Eleonora, Emanuela Panizzo, Mike Stern, Eugenio Masiero, Gianluca Mosole, Saverio Tasca, Farias, and Ivan Zuccarato.

Proceeds from the concert and sales of a DVD of the concert will benefit the hospital Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza in Italy, a 1500-bed health care facility serving the people of rural Italy. The hospital was founded by Padre Pio, a Capuchin monk who was canonized in 2002. Pave the Way Foundation and its founder, Gary L. Krupp, KCSG, have supported the hospital for more than 18 years.

“This project was never attempted before and when I asked for help, the hospital referred me to Pave the Way Foundation and Mr. Gary Krupp, I am very pleased with the support from Pave the Way Foundation and all of our sponsors and artists,” said Antonietta Torsello, one of the primary organizers of the event. “Together with the support of all these excellent performers who took time out of their busy scheduled to donate their time, we are able to bring an improved level of healthcare to so many people who have no other access to healthcare. The cooperation of our sponsors and these world-class performers has made the event a tremendous success.”

“I am proud to have been a part of this historic event,” said Gary L. Krupp, founder and president of Pave the Way Foundation. “Padre Pio had poured his heart and soul into creating this island of comfort and succor for the people. By supporting the Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza, we support his vision and positively affect the lives of thousands of people in Italy who would otherwise lack basic healthcare.”

The exclusive DVD of the concert will feature all the performing artists and include special features. Find out more about the concert and how to purchase the DVD at www.oldfriendsandnewfriends.net.

About Pave the Way Foundation

PTWF has a simple yet monumental goal: To enhance the relations between the world's

religions through gestures of good will and thereby embracing their similarities and savoring their differences. In today's world, some individuals try to achieve their agenda through violence in the name of religion. To silently allow this to happen defames every faith. The vision of PTWF is that the unified voice of the world's great religious leaders condemning violence and promoting trust will pave the way to peace.

About Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza

Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (Home for Relief of the Suffering) is a private hospital in San Giovanni Rotundo, founded by St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, a Capuchin monk who was canonized by the Catholic Church in 2002. In 1956, St. Pio founded the hospital in a rural area of Italy to provide exceptional health care for the poor. The hospital has adopted modern technologies throughout its extensive facilities and is considered one of the most efficient hospitals in Italy and Europe.

About Torsello Antonietta

Antonietta Torsello, the daughter of famed Italian Tenor Antonio Torsello and herself an accomplished vocalist, worked with Eugenio Masiero an Italian educator and musician and artist, to help Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza acquire a PET Scan Machine and accomplished the work of dozens in order to see this project through to fruition.

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