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PRESS RELEASE

Krewe Nouveau's Holds Big Easy Party to Support The House Next Door

DeLand, FL – (February 9, 2009) – Krewe Nouveau recently held a cocktail party to get members geared up for the group's main event while raising some extra funds for its charity of choice.

In preparation for La Fête Fantastique, members and friends of Krewe Nouveau gathered at Caffe da Vinci in January to introduce this year's King and Queen – Brad Strickland and Lisa Peterson. The casual event raised almost \$900 for The House Next Door.

La Fête Fantastique – Krewe Nouveau's marquee fundraising event – will be held on February 21, from 7:30 pm until 12:30 am, at the DeLand Skating Center.

Tickets to La Fête Fantastique 2009 are \$55 each and are available for purchase in downtown DeLand at Dressed, located at 101 W. Rich Ave.

Krewe Nouveau, a Mardi Gras-themed non-profit organization, was created to raise funds and awareness in the DeLand area for The House Next Door through a variety of activities and events, including its annual party. The House Next Door and its programs serve children and promote the healthy development of all people through enhanced family and community relationships.

Last year, Krewe Nouveau donated more than \$16,000 during its inaugural year to The House Next Door.

Historically, the term Krewe is most often associated with Louisiana social groups that organize parades and events during the Mardi Gras Carnival season. Krewe Nouveau is a private women's club and is limited to members who are at least 21 years old. For more information, please visit www.krewenouveau.com.

The House Next Door

The House Next Door is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded by a group of concerned citizens and parents in 1976. This grassroots organization's mission is to strengthen the individual, nurture the family, and support the community with a comprehensive array of services throughout Volusia and Flagler counties. The core component of all programs is family education and counseling to strengthen the family unit. The House Next Door currently offers more than 20 programs and services and has counseling centers in DeLand, Deltona, and Daytona Beach. In addition, we offer programs and services in schools, churches, and community centers. The House Next Door is nationally accredited and recognized for best practice in the field of mental health counseling and services. Our programs and services are funded through local, state, and federal grants along with donations from local organizations and religious communities. Visit our website at www.thehousenextdoor.org

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