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Got Their Groove on at Wheels and Heels '08!

Friday, May 9, notMYkid held it's annual Wheels and Heels Gala at the Phoenix Ritz Carlton. With over 450 people in attendance, the Gala raised close to \$400,000. Co-chairs Lisa Henry Holmes and Jill Woods decided on a theme that would get people moving, grooving, and excited to donate. With decorations by Flora Bella, guests walked into a tangerine and white room with go-go dancers grooving to funky 70's beats laid down by DJ Miles Gilbert. It didn't take patrons long to get into the spirit, they "hustled" the night away!

Executive Director Dr. Brad Barrett gave a moving speech about the choice to be a teacher and also how he came to partner with notMYkid. Following Dr. Barrett, founder Debbie Moak introduced some ClearChoices speakers. They spoke on why they work with the program, and how it helps them. "God loves addicts because we can help other addicts," said ClearChoices speaker Rachael, "We're beggars, showing the other beggars where the food is."

Hope-filled words such as these gave patrons the boost they needed to bid on the "Wheeled" or "Heeled" auction items. Popular morning radio hosts Tim and Willy emceed the event, auctioning off the six items, including a private jet to an estate in Aspen and a golf trip to Cabo San Lucas. "We are so blessed to have this kind of support," said co-chair Lisa Henry-Holmes, "the event could not have been a bigger success."

Chrysler was given the Community Champion Award for donating the #1 all-new 2008 Dodge Challenger to notMYkid, raising \$400,000 for the organization in January. The Outstanding Philanthropist Award was given to couple Ellen and Stewart Horejsi. The couple has greatly supported notMYkid's internship and Clear Choices programs over the past year.

notMYkid would like to thank its auxiliary board and all those in attendance. Without their support, notMYkid could not help teens and families, schools and communities with adolescent behavioral health issues.