

## Annual Valentine Party Gets New Name

Valentine Gala Renamed the Hearts for Heroes Gala



On Saturday, February 11, 2006, two-hundred guests attended Lovelane's annual Valentine Day fundraising gala. The sold-out event included excellent food, a silent and a live auction, and wicked good dance music provided by the inimitable Marsels. The only disappointment of the evening was that we could not keep the party going longer. But the forecast of a major snowstorm thinned the crowd soon after dinner as partiers headed out to get babysitters home before the storm hit.



Once again, the Silent Auction was a huge success with over 65 excellent items up for bid. Restaurants, local getaway packages and trips to far away places; tickets to sports events and the theater; ski and outdoor adventure packages; some impressive sports memorabilia; and much, much more was on the bidding table. Some guests, as well as a number of people who could not attend, placed their bids on-line during the week before the Gala. Many on-line bidders took advantage of the new "Buy-It-Now" option to make sure they got what they wanted by removing their item of desire from the auction table.

New to the Gala this year was the addition of a live auction. This was co-hosted by two truly entertaining guys, Bill Littlefield of WBUR/NPR's *Only A Game*, and Ted Wayman, Host of the UPN38 *Morning Show*. Doug Stinson, a professional auctioneer who lives in Lincoln, did the official auctioneering. What a trio! The few and the brave battled it out for ten top-notch items including a vacation week in Puerto Vallarta; a custom poster signed by Michael Jordan; a private practice session with the Boston Celtics plus four courtside seats; and four nights at the exquisite Miraval Resort and Spa in Arizona.

The dinner and the auctions raised more than \$90,000, all of which will be used to support Lovelane's general operating budget and provide subsidies and tuition assistance for families not able to pay the full cost. As always, we offer our heartfelt thanks to the Gala Committee who orchestrated this year's event, to all those who donated their time and talent to make it truly special; all those who provided such great auction items; and all those who contributed so generously to make it such a successful fundraiser. Thank you.

# Hearts for Heroes



*Above left:* Doug and Julie Macrae loaded up with some of their goodies.

*Left:* Guests bid at bedecked Silent Auction tables during the cocktail hour.

*Above right:* Lovelane volunteer Emily Lovering offers prize-drawing hearts to auction guests.

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*Photos this page left to right: Auction Coordinator Cecile Delvaux, Auction Co-Hosts Bill Littlefield and Ted Wayman*

*To see more photos from this year's event, check the Events page on our website: [www.lovelane.org](http://www.lovelane.org).*

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