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Naperville Sunrise Rotary to Host 3rd Annual Naperpalooza

The Rotary Club of Naperville, Sunrise, known for its unique fundraising events, is hosting Naperitaville so named because this year it will be Naperville's biggest indoor Beach Party. The headline band will be "Heartache Tonight" and feature music from Jimmy Buffet, The Eagles and others great artists. There will be complimentary drinks and gourmet food from Naperville's finest chefs, all in a unique warehouse setting turned beach front. Naperpalooza 3 will be held on Saturday, February 20th from 6 pm 'til midnight. The primary goal of this fundraiser is help solve the problems associated with autism in our community. Accordingly, proceeds will go to *Turning Pointe Autism Foundation* and *Little Friends*, both in Naperville. In addition money will be given to support our Tikondane projects in Zambia, Africa, as well as local need-based Pursuit of Life education scholarships.

Event Chair Kevin Glynn describes the event as very different from traditional fundraising affairs. "Naperpalooza is a broad-based charitable party designed to appeal to the generosity of Naperville's citizens; with a heavy emphasis on the party component. This event is intended to make a substantial contribution to Sunrise Rotary's beneficiaries, but certainly not at the expense of having fun! Grab your sunglasses and bring your friends, bring your adult kids, and bring your old college roommates for great food, great music and a great cause. Naperpalooza has become an event that our Naperville community will be excited to attend and proud to contribute to for years to come."

All inclusive tickets to Naperpalooza are \$140 per person in advance and include entertainment and dancing, beer, wine, specialty drinks and soft drinks as well as gourmet buffet selections from area restaurants and caterers. Advance reservations must be made by February 1st at www.naperpalooza.com. Early bird ticket sales before December 31st

are only \$125 and come with 5 free raffle tickets worth a total of \$50. Tickets are limited and last year's event was sold out.

Today, one out of 150 children is born with Autism. **Turning Pointe** is a private school being built in Naperville to improve the future of Naperville Children challenged with Autism. The \$3 million dollar parcel of land for the school has been donated by the Wolf family. Additional funding is being raised to build the school and ground breaking is expected in the spring of 2010.

Little Friends..... Little Friends, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization that serves children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. Based in Naperville, Little Friends operates 13 programs that include three schools, family support and consultation services, vocational training programs, community-based residential services and the Little Friends Center for Autism. Founded in 1965, Little Friends serves more than 800 people each year throughout DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will, McHenry and western Cook counties.

The Pursuit of Life scholarship program makes financial scholarships to local needy student(s) so they can attend a program of their choice after graduation from high school. This program is administered by the Rotary Club.

Sunrise Rotary has developed a long-term relationship with a community center called **Tikondane in Zambia**, one of the poorest nations in Africa. We are adopting a holistic approach to helping the 30 surrounding villages become self-sustaining. Education is a critical piece of that development. The club is currently raising funds for education projects there.

For more information and secure ticket purchase to Naperpalooza, visit www.naperpalooza.com.