



You are cordially invited to attend our Fourth Annual Benefit Gala

A Magical Affair

An Evening of Illusions and Revelry

Honoring award-winning filmmakers Dana and Hart Perry
with the Dave Nee Foundation's Ray of Light Award
in recognition of their documentary *Boy Interrupted*

Friday, November 13th, 2009

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

The Edison Ballroom
240 West 47th Street
New York City

Decadent Cocktails ✧ Culinary Delights
Vintage Jazz ✧ Silent & Live Auctions

Featuring World-Class Magic by the Artifice Group

Formal Festive Attire

About The Dave Nee Foundation was created in the wake of the 2005 suicide of Dave Nee, a brilliant law student who struggled silently with depression for many years. The Foundation was formed a year later by a group of his friends and family. In 2007, an Advisory Board of mental health professionals was established to assist with the cause. Dave possessed extraordinary intelligence and intellectual curiosity, traits that were complemented by his humor, selflessness, and generosity. The Foundation hopes to emulate these aspects of Dave's personality in its effort to combat the disease of depression and prevent the unnecessary loss of life through suicide.

Mission Our mission is to fight depression and prevent suicide by promoting and encouraging the diagnosis and treatment of depression among adolescents and young adults, as well as the education of adolescents and their families about the disease of depression. A principal reason for the high suicide rate in the United States is a lack of candid discussion about depression and early treatment of the disease. Further, too few of those who suffer are aware of the available options for treatment and recovery. We hope to spread the message that depression and thoughts of harming oneself need not be a stigma, that treatment for depressed and suicidal thoughts is socially acceptable, and that in an overwhelming number of cases such treatment is a safe, effective way to improve one's quality of life.

Uncommon Counsel We founded our Uncommon Counsel program in 2008 to fight depression and prevent suicide among law students by correcting misconceptions associated with depression and educating law students about the available resources and the benefits of treatment. We have enlisted the assistance of our expert Advisory Board as well as Dan Lukasik, the founder of Lawyers With Depression, to help us explore the ways in which depression affects law students and law schools. The pilot program of Uncommon Counsel will debut at Fordham Law School in the fall of 2009.

Why is this Important? Nobody talks about the problem – especially lawyers. Attorneys have the highest rates of depression and suicide of any profession. Statistics suggest that the rate of suicide attempts among attorneys and their clients is increasing as the effects of the recession widen. It is urgent that law students and attorneys who exhibit the warning signs for suicide get the help they need.

Fundraising The Dave Nee Foundation funds all of its programming and grants through direct contributions from individual donors and corporations along with proceeds from the annual fundraising event. The Foundation relies heavily on the donations generated from this event to support the activities of the entire year including the launch and nation-wide expansion of Uncommon Counsel. The Foundation will soon hire an Executive Director to oversee this unique program and fund an intensive, national study to better understand issues relating to depression and suicide.

Join us Friday, November 13th, 2009
for an unforgettable evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres,
and magic for the benefit of the Dave Nee Foundation.

Individual Tickets

Individual VIP Ticket - \$300

Reserved seating, waitress service, VIP gift bag

VIP Couple (2 tickets) - \$550

Reserved seating, waitress service, VIP gift bag

General Admission Friends & Family Ticket - \$175

Limited quantity; only available through October 13th

General Admission Ticket - \$200

General Admission Door Ticket (if available) - \$250

General Admission Graduate Student Ticket - \$125*

Limited quantity; you must currently be attending graduate school (law, business, etc.) for this specially discounted rate and will be required to show your 2009 school identification for admission into the gala.

VIP Tables

- ◇ Reserved seating at private tables in prime locations
 - ◇ Cocktail waitress service
 - ◇ VIP gift bags
 - ◇ Guaranteed close-up magic by the Artifice Group
- ◇ Name recognition at event and on the Foundation's website

VIP Table for 4 guests - \$1,200

VIP Table for 6 guests - \$1,800

VIP Table for 8 guests - \$2,400

Exclusive VIP Table for 10 guests - \$3,000

(limited availability)

Donations & Matching Gifts

Your employer may have a matching gift program that could easily increase your gift to the Dave Nee Foundation. Please enclose your employer's matching gift form with the response card and your gift.



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