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**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Telethon raises \$1,302,457**

Variety - The Children's Charity of Buffalo & Western New York, Tent 7 concluded their 45th annual Variety Kids Telethon on Sunday March 4, 2007 with a total of \$1,302,457. The Buffalo Telethon which is the longest locally produced Telethon in the world was chaired by longtime Variety member, Rose DiPaola. "I can not thank enough the over 1000 volunteers, the members of Variety, the Variety Club women and all the donors who helped us." said DiPaola. "Their generosity will enable us to continue our mission to help sick, handicapped and underprivileged children and give them Hope For Tomorrow".

A portion of funds raised will go towards the brand new state of the art Pharmacy at Women & children's Hospital of Buffalo. Variety announced a major \$1.7 million dollar commitment to this project. "The new pharmacy will enable the Pharmacy personnel, doctors and nurses to continue to deliver the highest quality care to the children of our area and to take advantage of the newest technologies and care techniques available today and into the future." According to Kenneth E. Scibetta, Chief Barker, Variety-The Children's Charity of Buffalo & Western New York.

In addition to Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo, funds from the annual Telethon go to help the Dr. Robert Warner Center for Exceptional Children and other Western New York children charities such as BornHava, SABAH, Moving Miracles, Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, Holland, Depew/Lancaster, St. Mary's School for the Deaf and many others.

Plans are underway for the 46th annual Telethon slated for March 2, 2008

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