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**Rock Stars Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo to Perform at
Local Firefly Gala
Forty Carrots Family Center Announces Spring 2013 fundraiser**

(Sarasota, FL) Four-time Grammy winner Pat Benatar and legendary Neil Giraldo will perform at **Forty Carrots Family Center's Firefly Gala**, presented by **The Dart Foundation**, on **Saturday, March 23, 2013** at **The Concession Golf Club**. In its third year, this popular fundraising event is the private performance of the season complete with gourmet dinner, silent auction and all the fanfare of an authentic concert.

Chairwoman Ariane Dart (pictured here with some of her committee) is preparing for this spectacular rock and roll gala – all with a compelling purpose of raising vital funds for Forty Carrots Family Center.

“The Dart Foundation is dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for children and young adults. Forty Carrots' unique combination of top-ranking early childhood education and quality parenting education gives children a better chance at succeeding in school and in life. It's a perfect fit,” says Ariane Dart, Forty Carrots Trustee and The Dart Foundation representative.

Following last year's success with pop icon and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee **Blondie** and the 2011 success with pop music legend **KC & the Sunshine Band**, this year's gala continues to combine rock star entertainment with world-class dining and gala elegance all with the chance to win exciting auction items. Get ready for this rockin' spring fundraiser.

What: ***Firefly Gala starring Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo presented by The Dart Foundation***

When: **6 pm Saturday, March 23, 2013**

Where: **The Concession Golf Club, 7700 Lindrick Lane, Bradenton**

For sponsorship details or information on how to be involved email info@fortycarrots.com or call (941)365-7716. Visit www.fireflygala.org or www.fortycarrots.org. Follow **The Firefly Gala** on Facebook.

Committee Members Pictured: Front L-R Colleen Orbegoso; Bianca Lawrence; DeAnna Creaturo; Kerry McCarthy; Robin Roberts; Ariane Dart. Back L-R Cassie Vassallo; Minta Getzen; Ashley McLeod; Geri Jo Manson; Tonya Getzen Gowan; Cheryl Andrews; Melissa Morsli; Jena Wilson. Not pictured Kim Hickerson, Pauline Joerger

Forty Carrots Family Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families through educational programs for parents, children and professionals in the field. # # #