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***THE ASSOCIATION OF MASTER PAINTERS AND DECORATORS OF NEW YORK, INC.
PARTICIPATES IN NEPHCURE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER***

NEW YORK – December 10, 2012 – On November 28, 2012 the **NephCure Foundation** held its annual fundraising dinner, “**Countdown to a Cure,**” at Capitale in New York City. **The Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York, Inc.’s Bruce Ruinsky** served on the event committee for the dinner, and reports that this year’s event raised nearly \$700,000. However, the struggle continues for victims of these debilitating diseases, many of whom are children.

The NephCure Foundation is the only organization committed exclusively to supporting research to identify the cause, improve treatment and ultimately find a cure for the potentially debilitating kidney diseases Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis Syndrome and Nephrotic Syndrome. FSGS is one of the causes of Nephrotic Syndrome (NS), which may also arise from diabetes, cancer, amyloidosis, lupus, vasculitic disorders and other conditions. These diseases cause improper functioning of the kidneys which can lead to extended damage and even failure.

The NephCure Foundation is particularly important to the Association of Master Painters, as one of their members, Michael Levine of L&L Painting Co., Inc., has a son named Matthew who suffers from FSGS. Because of this the Association has been actively involved in fundraising and support efforts, the most recent of which was the Countdown to a Cure fundraiser.

For more information about Nephrotic Syndrome and FSGS, or to donate to the NephCure Foundation, please visit www.nephcure.org.

About The Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York

The Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York, Inc. exists to support the interests of their members and to promote the growth of the unionized painting and finishing industries in the New York Metropolitan area. The Association represents their members in all matters that affect the industry, including the areas of labor management relations, government relations, as well as advertising, training and promotion of safe work place practices. They negotiate collective bargaining agreements on behalf of their members, and serve as arbitrators at grievance hearings.

About the NephCure Foundation

The NephCure Foundation is the only organization committed exclusively to support research seeking the cause of the potentially debilitating kidney disease Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) and Nephrotic Syndrome, improve treatment and find a cure. The organization, founded in 1999, serves as a primary source of information on Nephrotic Syndrome and FSGS, and leads the charge in educating, raising awareness, and lobbying for legislative action to provide more federal funding for research into Nephrotic Syndrome and FSGS. For more information, please visit www.nephcure.org.

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