



**CANTOR FITZGERALD AND THE CANTOR FITZGERALD RELIEF FUND
TO BE HONORED WITH HOPE AWARD AT THE 15th ANNUAL GALA
BENEFITING MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY**

*Gala Set for May 15, 2006, at the Rainbow Room; CBS News' "60 Minutes"
Correspondent Lesley Stahl to Host*

NEW YORK, NY – March 23, 2006 - Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P., and the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund will be honored with the Hope Award at the 15th Annual Gala benefiting the Mental Health Association of New York City (MHA of NYC). Set for May 15, 2006, at the Rainbow Room and themed "Giving Hope, Saving Lives," the evening will be hosted by CBS' News "60 Minutes" correspondent Lesley Stahl. Edie Lutnick, Executive Director of the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund, will accept the award on behalf of the organizations. The announcement was made today by Giselle Stolper, executive director of the MHA of NYC.

Cantor Fitzgerald, the World Trade Center tenant most severely affected by the events of September 11, 2001, lost 658 employees at its World Trade Center headquarters. The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund was founded in the wake of the attacks, to provide direct assistance to those who lost loved ones. Since its establishment, Cantor Fitzgerald and the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund have raised and distributed over \$175 million to over 800 families and 950 children and have provided health care to its families that lost loved ones on September 11, 2001.

Elizabeth and Allen Horwitz, who lost their son Aaron on September 11, 2001, said, "Shortly after September 11th and continuing until this day, the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund has assisted our family with counseling, with social activities to lift our spirits up and with financial aid. Edie and the Relief Fund staff have truly been there for us."

"Cantor Fitzgerald turned an unimaginable tragedy into an extraordinary commitment to sustain the health and emotional well-being of those directly affected by terrorism, disasters and emergencies," said Stolper. "We are deeply gratified to recognize the vital role the firm plays in helping individuals cope with the effects of traumatic events – both in New York City and beyond."

"The events of September 11th, and the lives lost that day, will never be forgotten," added Edie Lutnick, Executive Director of the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund. "We are committed to assisting those who are left behind and that remains our objective as we expand our mission to include other disasters. We wish to thank the Mental Health Association of New York City for honoring our efforts and greatly appreciate the recognition that comes with it."

About The Mental Health Association of New York City

The MHA of NYC is a leading mental health advocacy, public education and direct services organization, which also played a leadership role in nationwide disaster response in the wake of September 11. The MHA of NYC operates New York's premier mental health crisis, information and referral hotline, 1-800-LIFENET, which was named the official number for New Yorkers in emotional distress to call after the attacks. The MHA of NYC now spearheads a national network of mental health crisis hotlines, 1-800-273-TALK, on behalf of the federal government. This number is given to victims of Hurricane Katrina for support and referrals to nearby mental health services.

About The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund

The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund was established on September 14, 2001, as a result of the tragedy at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The goal of the fund is to provide direct aid and support to victims of terrorism, disasters or emergencies. 100% of the money donated to the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund is disbursed directly to the families of our loved ones. Since its establishment, Cantor Fitzgerald and the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund have provided over \$175 million in financial support for the families of our loved ones. The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund also provides assistance to the families of victims from 12 other companies, including Forte Foods, Forest Electric, Citibank, GDI InfoTech and others who perished in the terrorist attacks. More recently, the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund has expanded its scope to include natural disasters such as the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast. Howard Lutnick, Chairman and CEO of Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P., and the partners of Cantor Fitzgerald underwrite the expenses of the fund so that each and every dollar raised goes directly to victims' families of our loved ones. For more information, please visit www.cantorrelief.org.

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