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**CHILDREN'S BURN FOUNDATION TO HONOR
COMMUNITY LEADERS LINDA AND ALEXANDER L. CAPPELLO**

**Cappellos to be presented Giving New Hope Award
at 14th Annual Giving New Hope Benefit, Thurs., Feb. 19**

SHERMAN OAKS, Calif. – Jan. 30, 2009 - The Children's Burn Foundation, which provides the expertise and programs to prevent pediatric burns and to heal severely burned children, will honor community leaders Linda and Alexander L. Cappello at the organization's 14th annual Giving New Hope Benefit at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009. The Cappellos will receive the Foundation's Giving New Hope Award for their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of children.

"Each year the Foundation bestows the Giving New Hope Award to leaders within our community who have given young people hope for a better future," stated Doug Mancino, chairman of the board of the Children's Burn Foundation and a partner with McDermott, Will & Emery. "This year, we are honored to recognize Linda and Alexander Cappello for their tireless efforts in providing children an abundance of opportunities."

Linda Cappello is a longtime humanitarian and community volunteer. She is a dedicated member of The Council, the dynamic women's group that supports the Children's Burn Foundation's fund-raising and community outreach initiatives, and a board member of Las Floristas, an organization which supports fundraising efforts for the Handicapped Children's Clinics at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center. She also serves as a board member of the International Medical Corps, a global humanitarian relief agency, and chairs The Tradition of Hope Gala benefitting Augie's Quest, the Muscular Dystrophy Association's ALS research initiative.

Alexander Cappello is the founder of the Cappello Group, Inc., a merchant bank operating globally in 50 countries. He is a trustee of the University of Southern California, vice chair of the board of trustees of Marymount College, as well as chairman emeritus of Catholic Big Brothers and Sisters. He serves on the boards of City of Hope, The Sheri and Les Biller Family Foundation, ALS Therapy Development Institute and Pacific Council on International Policy, among others.

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The Giving New Hope Benefit is hosted by The Council under the leadership of Kathleen Toppino, president and a member of the Foundation's board of trustees; Brenda Gross, benefit co-chair; and Linda Vitale, benefit co-chair. The Council has raised nearly \$7 million dollars since 1996 for state-of-the-art medical treatment for children who have suffered severe burn injuries, as well as fire safety and burn prevention programs for children and families in high-risk communities throughout Los Angeles County.

The Foundation is currently funding the treatment of international children such as Youssif (six, Iraq); Dami (five, Nigeria); Ni Na (19, Vietnam); Laura (15, Colombia); and Dwight (nine, Philippines). Locally, the Foundation is providing assistance to young survivors through the following programs: Teen Group - Alex (14, Los Angeles, CA), and Briana (13, Canyon Country, CA), Camp Gung-Ho - Edwin (8, Van Nuys, CA), and Juan (11, Hawthorne, CA), and Emergency Family Assistance - Ignacio (two, Victorville, CA),

Nearly 65,000 elementary school children as well as parents and caregivers are reached annually throughout Los Angeles County through the burn prevention programs of L.A. Troupe Theatre-In-Education, Fire Safety House and Careful, That's Hot!, a scald prevention program.

The benefit will be emceed by Fritz Coleman, entertainment personality and well-known television weatherman on KNBC-TV.

Cocktails, a silent auction and mystery boxes will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., award presentation and entertainment. For more information, please contact the Children's Burn Foundation office at (818) 907-2822 or visit www.childburn.org.

About the Children's Burn Foundation:

Since 1985, the Sherman Oaks, CA-based Children's Burn Foundation has served children in Southern California and around the world to provide state-of-the-art reconstructive treatment, psychological and social services and wonderful camp experiences to help young burn survivors heal. The Foundation's highly acclaimed prevention programs have taught more than a quarter of a million Angelenos and their families how to prevent burns. The Foundation provides prevention and education programs to nearly 65,000 children and families annually. For more information, visit www.childburn.org.

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