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Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation Rides into the Big Apple

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, May 7, 2023 – The Chicago based Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation hosted a Songwriters in the Round benefit for the Harlem Academy on April 30 at Marylou French speakeasy in Greenwich Village, New York.

An intimate setting was the backdrop for a lively evening of great conversation, engagement, and music. The evening was a celebration of the arrival of the Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation in New York. The Foundation's national footprint now extends from coast to coast, making an impact for improving outcomes for dozens of beneficiaries.

Just off a stadium tour with Garth Brooks, the Foundation was blessed to host rising superstar Mitch Rossell who shared the personal stories behind his songs and collaborations. Hailed as a storyteller in the same vein as Billy Joel, Don Henley and Garth Brooks, Mitch shared his brand of crossover music to a new audience.

During intermission, Vinni Dotoli, founder of the Harlem Academy, addressed the audience. He explained that The Harlem Academy is the only Independent School in Manhattan serving promising low-income students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Their results are amazing: 100% matriculation to selective secondary schools and 98% matriculation at four-year colleges. Harlem has 175 students in its school and is looking to increase its size over the coming years. The Foundation's contribution will help expand its presence to support even more of these under-resourced superstars.

Now with six board members residing in the New York area (Fred Barstein, Will Coleman, Jen DeLong, Mike Di Franco, Jim Gemus, and Vishal Jain), the Foundation was excited to host such a successful benefit dinner and concert.

For more than a decade, the Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation has raised awareness and dollars for cutting-edge programs that improve the experiences of young people that will lead to positive long-term life outcomes. The Foundation supports organizations that focus on improving educational opportunities, and the emotional, physical, and financial well-being of young adults.

About Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation

The Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation was established in 2013 with a mission to improve the experiences of young people that will lead to positive long-term life outcomes. The Foundation provides philanthropic and financial support to organizations that focus on improving educational opportunities and the emotional, physical, and financial well-being of young adults. With the help of Advisory Board members, community partners, sponsors, and donors, Sheridan Road Charitable Foundation has provided more than \$1.6 million dollars to organizations with initiatives meeting its mission.

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