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**LEAKE AND WATTS TO HOST 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

**Joan Ganz Cooney, Co-Founder, Sesame Workshop and Creator of Sesame Street  
and Linda Gibbs, NYC Deputy Mayor, Health and Human Services, to be Honored**

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Yonkers, New York July 20, 2006

James J. Campbell, Executive Director, Leake and Watts Services, Inc. has announced the Agency will host its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 2, 2006 at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City.

“We are delighted to be returning to the magnificent Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine for our Gala as Leake and Watts was located there many years before moving to its current site in Yonkers in 1890,” stated Mr. Campbell.

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala honorees are Joan Ganz Cooney, Co-Founder, Sesame Workshop and Creator of Sesame Street and Linda Gibbs, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, New York City.

The First Lady of Colombia, Lina Moreno de Uribe, will attend the Gala as a special guest of honor.

Al Roker, Co-Host of the NBC Today Show, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Renyi of Wyckoff, New Jersey, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Thompson of New York City, are Co-Chairs of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. Mr. Renyi is Chairman, The Bank of New York. Mrs. Renyi is a member of the Leake and Watts Board of Directors and Chair of the Agency's Board Development Committee.

Mr. Thompson is Managing Partner, Emmet, Marvin and Martin, LLP and Counsel to Leake and Watts.

Information regarding Gala reservations and Journal advertisements is available by contacting Lorraine Browne, Director of Development, Leake and Watts, tel: 914-375-8711.

Leake and Watts is a private not-for-profit corporation dedicated to strengthening resources for vulnerable children and families in the Greater New York Region by providing a continuum of high quality community-based programs and Specialized Residential, Educational and Therapeutic Services.

A leader and an innovator among institutions that service children and families in need for the past 175 years, Leake and Watts currently serves approximately 2,500 children and families everyday in the Greater New York area including Westchester, the Bronx and Manhattan.

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