

## UNDER THE STARS

The Parkways Foundation Committee for Children with Disabilities celebrated a successful beginning in style with its inaugural gala, Dancing Under the Stars. Formed in March 2007, the committee, which is the philanthropic arm of the Chicago Park District, provides the first ever free adaptive camp for disabled children in Chicago. Co-chaired by Helen Brown and Mary Beth Smith, the gala featured the Matt Reed Band and a performance by Dance Chicago. In addition, CBS-2's Mary Ann Childers served as mistress of ceremonies, while CBS-2's Jay Levine was the Auctioneer Extraordinaire and auctioned off such fabulous prizes as a trip to Cortona, Italy. The gala raised \$85,000 and met the committee's goal of supporting three free adaptive camps for disabled children in Chicago. ■



Mary Beth Smith, Helen Brown, Gerri Shute, Myrna Scher, Jeanne Kaplan, Susie Fortsmann Kealy, Laura Barnett Sawchyn, Carol Prins, Laurie Ashcraft, Patricia Mortensen and Suzi Bramson Brooks



Helen Brown and daughter Felicia Cohen



Mary Ann Childers and Parkway Foundation President Laura Barnett



Nancy Klimley, Bunky Cushing and Janet Owen



Laurie Ashcraft and Kay Riegler



Gerri Shute, Jeanne Kaplan, Myrna Scher and Patricia Mortensen



Mary Beth Smith and Robert Smith