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## *Booker, business leaders attend benefit for NJ Development School for Youth*



"Newark is on the move" was the theme of the third annual charity benefit for the New Jersey Development School for Youth (DSY), which took place Monday, October 29, 2006 at Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place, Newark.

The dinner brought together 200 business people and philanthropists from across New Jersey and raised \$210,000 for the Newark-based DSY, one of the country's foremost leadership training programs for urban youth. The event was co-chaired by Merrill Lynch Director, Robert Ross, PSEG CFO Thomas O'Flynn, PricewaterhouseCoopers Managing Partner Kenneth Sharkey, and Short Hills investor and philanthropist, Jeff Kronthal. Merrill Lynch was the dinner's underwriting partner with additional sponsorship provided by D&B, PSEG, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Schering-Plough and the MCJ Foundation.

Newark, New Jersey, Mayor Cory Booker was the featured speaker. He praised the DSY and the All Stars Project as a leader in the effort to transform the lives of poor, urban youth. "To me the All Stars Project is a visible manifestation of the hope and prayers and faith that many of us have in humanity," Booker said. "It's focusing on our children and recognizing that they are indeed the promise of a better day in the future. It's looking at our children not as unfortunate inheritors of difficult circumstances but recognizing if we unleash their genius, they can very well transform the world."

The mayor concluded, "We are tonight involved in an organization that in my opinion is doing what has made this nation great for so long...We as Americans united have shown that we can make our way out of no way, that we can make it up the rough side of the mountain. And here we have a organization that refuses to accept the impossible, refuses to accept the status quo. So thank you all for what you are doing...thank you for choosing the All Stars."