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Adams and Reese Produces 2011 STARC Ball

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STARC, established 35 years ago, has helped thousands of disabled individuals maximize their potential as independent, contributing members of the community in St. Tammany, Washington, St. Helena, Tangipahoa and Livingston parishes.

Every year at the ball, STARC members enjoy an evening of dining and dancing with friends and family. There is a court of a king and queen, and dukes and maids. The entire court is picked up and transported to the event by limo, and the court is recognized by all attending the event. They were escorted this year by several
dentists from the St. Tammany area.

The STARC Starlight Ball is an Adams and Reese-sponsored HUGS event. Firm volunteers, along with their family members, and friends, plan and handle all of the arrangements from the theme, to the elaborate decorations, catering and entertainment to serving the meal and refreshments, as well as the clean up. Special thanks to this year’s volunteers: New Orleans Partner Don McKinney and his son Michael; New Orleans Partners Charlie Cerise and Janis van Meerveld and their sons, Andrew and Robert; HUGS STARC coordinator Nadine Pinell, her husband, Buddy and her daughter, Rosalind Terrebonne; Lisa Wallace and Fred Wallace, their daughter Rebecca Wallace, and Lisa’s mother Lorraine Schenck; Macie Coker; Rhonda Pirtle; Gwyn and Randy Cassou; Carrie and Brad Dunn; Jane and Bill Macika; Sheila Trauth; Susan Jones; Cheryl Michel; Donna Knowles; Dale and Bob Ziblich; and event photographer Tommy Santora.

In addition to volunteering for the annual STARC Starlight Ball, Adams and Reese works with STARC for Christmas by accommodating three group homes in St. Tammany Parish at Christmas time to ensure they have all they need, including gifts, a tree and food, for their Christmas party.

At Adams and Reese, the employee volunteer program, also known as HUGS (Hope, Understanding, Giving, and Support), was founded in 1988 and has since devoted financial resources and thousands of volunteer hours to offer assistance to those in need. Every year throughout Adams and Reese’s 13 offices in its regional footprint, employees donate time and money to more than 100 community organizations in need.

Adams and Reese is a multidisciplinary law firm with offices strategically located throughout the southern United States and Washington, DC. American Lawyer includes Adams and Reese on its distinguished list of the nation's top law firms - "The Am Law 200". The National Law Journal also includes the firm on the "NLJ 250" list of the nation's largest law firms.

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