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CAMDEN CHILDREN'S GARDEN PARTNERS WITH THE CITY OF CAMDEN AND SINGER
JACK JOHNSON FOR FUNDRAISER TO RECOVER FROM MASSIVE BUDGET CUTS



FIFTH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 11, 2010 ~ 6:00pm-9:00pm
Camden Children's Garden on the Camden Waterfront, NJ

CHAMPIONS OF CHILDREN HONOREES



Honorable Thomas Kean
Chairman of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Former New Jersey Governor



Honorable Dana Redd
Mayor of the City of Camden



Joseph Barton
PSE&G and Civic Leader

Camden, NJ- At a time when New Jersey is in an economic crisis, the Camden Children's Garden's Funding has been reduced 100% retroactively. The cut in funding will impede the resources that allow thousands of Camden residents to help themselves by growing their own healthy food, nutrition education, environmental literacy, sustainable living, youth employment, and community development. In response, the Camden Children's Garden is hosting a fundraising event on June 11th at 6pm that will include a cocktail hour with live entertainment, live and silent auctions, catered goods from Tortilla Press and awards presented by the former New Jersey governor Thomas Kean, Camden mayor honorable Dana Redd and Joseph Barton from PSE&G. The night will also include a grass sculpture by *Simple* and Create-A-Scene's Michael Bowel Floral Design Show to enhance the garden's whimsical story-book inspired Eden.

Additionally, the Camden Children's Garden is partnering with Jack Johnson on his 2010 World Tour. Johnson Ohana Charitable Foundation and All At Once is matching every dollar contributed to us at the July 11th show in Camden or directly to the Camden Children's Garden through October 15. All At Once is a social action network created by Jack Johnson that connects non-profits to community members that want to make positive change in their local and world community.

For 26 years, Camden City Garden Club has supported such projects such as; Community Gardening Program which allowed Camden residents to transform over 70 vacant lots into gardens growing fresh produce, the Grow Lab Program that teaches hands-on science and nutrition in Camden's classrooms, the Youth Employment & Job Training Program that allows Camden's at-risk teens to earn income, and help their community and the Camden Children's Garden - a safe, horticultural playground that offers families a chance to explore the natural world through themed gardens, interactive exhibits, exciting family events and educational programs.

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Download forms for ad book, auctions, or tickets, www.camdenchildrensgarden.org/fundraiser.html.