

Carousel Horses on Display at Tampa International Airport

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Tampa, Fla. (February 7, 2005) – As part of its Public Art Program, the Tampa International Airport is pleased showcase 10 life-size carousel horses from the Cultural Carousel Ball. The Ball, a Patel Foundation for Global Understanding public art project, was designed to call attention to Tampa Bay's cultural diversity and raise funds for 10 local charities.

The Foundation for Global Understanding is a not-for-profit organization focused on improving the human condition by providing programs and funding for health, education and the arts. The Foundation was formed by Drs. Kiran and Pallavi Patel, American physicians actively involved in global philanthropy for years.

The horses, each representing a different ethnic area of the world, made their debut at the Cultural Carousel Ball which took place December 2004. Each horse was sponsored by individuals or local companies and illustrated by local artists.

The proceeds of this fund-raising activity went to 10 Bay Area not-for-profit agencies.

A few of the local artists represented are: Sandra "McCoy" Johnson, Lisa Vogt and Ferdie Pacheco.

The international horses will be on display at the Airport through March 1, 2005.

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