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**28th ANNIVERSARY GALA HONORS
REBECCA & DURRELL NELSON
and
MONIQUE COLEMAN**

The 28th anniversary OPERATION:Children Gala will be held Saturday evening, March 24, 2012 on the second floor of the Petersen Automotive Museum.

This long-standing charity's 2012 Couple-of-the-Year Award will be presented to Filmmakers Rebecca and Durrell Nelson, and the Young Humanitarian Award to actress and United Nations Youth Ambassador, Monique Coleman. Beginning with a cocktail reception and silent auction at 6:00 pm, the three-course dinner, raffle and live auction will follow. Afterwards, guests can dance to a live band or tour the rest of the museum floor.

The Gala, which acknowledges people who work for the benefit of needy children, seeks to raise funds for this all-volunteer non-profit charitable organization dedicated to children in the foster care system in the Los Angeles County area.

Among the projects OPERATION:Children funds are four annual Adoption Festivals conducted by the Adoption Division of the LA County Department of Children and Family Services in an effort to find permanent homes for children that have been deemed unadoptable.

President Linda Holcombe states that OPERATION:Children's goal is to have as many children as possible grow up with someone to call Mom or Dad, and know the security that comes with having family ties. We focus on creating a positive and productive community by providing these children with the opportunity of a better life.

Tickets to the event are \$150.00. To purchase tickets to the event, or buy raffle tickets, or to make a tax deductible donation, please contact OPERATION:Children at 310-963-8506.