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**Not For Me
6a The Esplanade
Campbells Bay
Auckland**

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Dear Ant & Vanessa

On behalf of the Rett New Zealand Trust and all Rett families through out the country, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our recent Charity Dinner on September 28, 2007 at Sky City Convention Centre, Auckland. The Olympics Legends book secured \$1000 at auction and was purchased by Bruce Twaddle.

The event was the second of its kind and a significant step up on the first Charity Dinner held in Rotorua in October of 2006. This years event received overwhelming support from Corporate New Zealand and saw some 450 people enjoy a night of Opera, 3 course meal and auction to raise monies for our trust. We are still working through the financial result but look to have raised close to \$100,000. This money will go towards the following initiatives in the next 12 months

- *Our second annual Parent Conference (April 2008) which will again be attended by Kathy Hunter (President International Rett Syndrome Association) and John Christodoulou (world leading Human Geneticist)*
- *An internal grants support scheme to assist families with travel, equipment, when required which is not government funded*
- *The delivery of an annual - one week screening/check up programme supported by leading Paediatricians and support networks. This will provide families with at least one annual visit by leading paediatricians, experienced in Rett Syndrome, modelled on current Australian methods.*

Once again, thank you for getting behind our cause and ensuring that we have the ability to give these girls a brighter future.

Please have a safe Christmas and hopefully we can do this all again next year.

Yours faithfully

**Rob Pakes
Father & President - Rett New Zealand**