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**W. CURTIS DRAPER TOBACCONIST RAISES \$55,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES  
VIA DRAPER'S LITTLE PUFF WEEKEND EVENTS**

Washington, DC — September 29, 2010 — W. Curtis Draper the oldest full-service tobacconist in the District of Columbia announced today that its signature fundraisers — [The 11th Annual Draper's Little Puff](#), which took place on **Friday, September 24, 2010** on the **Rooftop Terrace of 101 Constitution Avenue** and **The 2nd Annual Draper's After Puff Recovery Lunch** which took place on **Saturday, September 25, 2010** at [Shelly's Back Room](#) — raised \$55,000 for the following local charities:

- **The Erik Kristensen Memorial Scholarship Fund at Gonzaga College High School:** LCDR Erik Kristensen, SEAL Team 10, courageously gave his life for his teammates and country in 2005 while serving in Afghanistan. The Kristensen Scholarship was established by his family, friends and classmates to benefit two worthy Gonzaga students from military families.
- **The Pat Krimm Scholarship Fund at DeMatha Catholic High School:** Pat Krimm helped establish the hockey program at the Hyattsville, MD school. Funds raised provide financial aid for students who would not otherwise be able to attend DeMatha.
- **The Anne Berman Memorial Scholarship:** Named for the wife of a loyal Drapers customer, the Berman Scholarship offers financial assistance to women pursuing advanced degrees in the sciences.
- **The House of Ruth:** House of Ruth helps women, children and families in greatest need and with very limited resources build safe, stable lives and achieve their highest potential. It serves women, children and families who are striving to overcome childhood trauma, domestic violence, homelessness, mental health disorders and substance abuse. House of Ruth provides nurturing, structured, safe housing and caring, consistent, individualized services in order to capitalize on the participants' strengths such as courage and resiliency.

Cigar personalities in attendance included: Wayne Suarez, Arturo Fuente Cigars; Ernesto Perez-Carrillo, E.P. Carrillo Cigars; Litto & Tony Gomez, La Flor Dominicana Cigars; William C. Paley, La Palina Cigars; Nestor Miranda, Nestor Miranda Collection & La Aurora Cigars; Nish Patel, Rocky Patel Premium Cigars; Matt Booth, Room 101 Cigars; Janny Garcia & Jose Ortega, My Father Cigars; Jorge Padron; Padron Cigars; Kurt Van Keppel & Jerry Dear, XIKAR and Pete Johnson, Tatuaje.

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In 11 years The Little Puff has raised close to \$500,000 for various worthy charities. According to Draper's co-owner John Anderson, "The Little Puff events benefit the children of military families and women and families at risk. That alone has made coordinating these events worthwhile for the last 11 years."

Dates for The 12th Annual Draper's Little Puff and The 3rd Annual Draper's After Puff Recovery Lunch will be announced in Summer 2011.

**About W. Curtis Draper Tobacconist**

W. Curtis Draper Tobacconist (Drapers) was founded in 1887 by William Curtis Draper. It is the oldest full service tobacconist in the District of Columbia and the fourth oldest in the United States. Proprietors John Anderson and Matt Krimm offer a full array of cigars, pipes, pipe tobacco, snus and smoking accessories to a national clientele. Drapers has been profiled in numerous media outlets including: *Bloomberg*, *Cigar Aficionado*, *Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger* and *The China Daily*. The shop is located at 640 14th Street NW (at G Street), Washington, DC 20005. For information call Drapers at (202) 638-2555 (outside Washington, DC (800) 572-2382) or visit [www.wcurtisdraper.com](http://www.wcurtisdraper.com). *Phone orders welcome.*

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