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Save the Date
**Gala to Celebrate the Contributions of
Thomas Edison and Commemorate Henry Ford's 146th Birthday**

FORT MYERS – (September 1, 2009) –The Edison Ford Winter Estates Foundation's 9th annual signature fundraising event, The Edison Ford Winter Estates Foundation Gala, will be held on Friday evening, November 6, 2009, on the grounds of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. Katherine Dougherty is the event chairperson.

The event will feature some of Thomas A. Edison's contributions to early film production as a backdrop throughout the event. The evening will start with a reception and private dinner on the grounds of the Estates followed by live entertainment by Alter Ego and a limited silent and live auction featuring items that represent a tribute to Henry Ford's legacy in honor of his 146th birthday and to the special friendship shared by Edison and Ford.

"The theme 'Moments in Black & White,' will take us back to a simpler time where we will remember some of Edison's contributions to our world, and also pay tribute to Mr. Ford's birthday," said Chairwoman Katherine Dougherty. "But most of all, it will set our sights on the future by raising the support which is essential to secure these precious landmarks here in Southwest Florida."

The event's goal is to raise funds to support the preservation and restoration of the Estates. This year's initiatives include restoration of the Edison Laboratory.

Event and table sponsorships are still available. Tickets are \$200 per person, or \$1600 per table. For more information, contact the Edison Ford Winter Estates Foundation office at 274-2377.

Founded in 1994, the Edison Ford Winter Estates Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to support preservation and restoration of the Thomas Edison & Henry Ford Winter Estates. The Edison Ford Winter Estates Foundation is the fundraising arm dedicated to preserving the future of the Estates and the integrity of the property.

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