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## MEDIA ADVISORY

**DATE:** May 4, 2011  
**TO:** ALL NEWS EDITORS  
**FROM:** Angela Lockhart, Director of Sales, Regina Inn Hotel & Conference Centre  
**RE:** Chris Hamilton & Local Hotel Help Raise Funds for Best Buddies

***That's What Friends Are For*** is 32 hours of Elton John music in support of Saskatchewan Best Buddies Chapters featuring the piano styling of Chris Hamilton. From 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 11th to 11:59 pm on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Vic's Lounge and the lobby of the Regina Inn will be filled with the music of the best songwriting team of all time – Elton John and Bernie Taupin. Bring a musician and join in the music. Bring a buddy and share in this wonderful event. Donations are gratefully accepted in support Best Buddies. ***"Without one another we are nothing. With one another, we are everything."***

**WHAT:** *That's What Friends Are For, Elton John Marathon*  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm – Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 11:59pm  
**WHERE:** Vic's Lounge at the Regina Inn Hotel & Conference Centre  
1975 Broad Street  
Regina, Saskatchewan

Over 900,000 Canadians live with a mental disability. Best Buddies is grounded in the belief that friendship is important to the development of all individuals and that for individuals with intellectual disabilities, friendship is a medium through which they can integrate more fully into their communities. Our program gives people with intellectual disabilities the chance to have experiences which most people take for granted - going for coffee, out to a movie, or enjoying the company of a good friend. To this end, Best Buddies establishes chapters at high schools, universities and colleges across the country. At each chapter students are matched with individuals with intellectual disabilities who share similar interests. The "Buddy Pairs" call each other weekly and get together approximately twice a month. Driven by a dream to focus on the individuals living in a forgotten spotlight, Best Buddies was founded in 1989 in the United States by Anthony Kennedy Shriver with a mission to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. [www.bestbuddies.ca](http://www.bestbuddies.ca)

Best Buddies Mission:

To establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For reservations at Vic's Lounge at the Regina Inn, call 1-306-525-7242.

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