

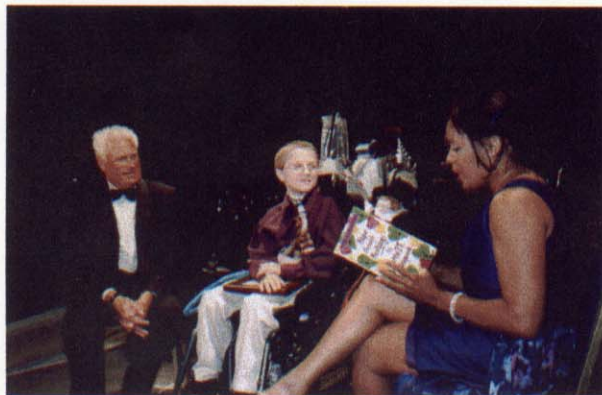
# The *Simone Vitale Band*

IS HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATION



**Mattie Stepanek** says: "When I grow up, I want to be a peace worker, and I'd like to teach peace to the world through my writing." He's a best-selling author ... he regularly swaps e-mails with **Oprah Winfrey** ... and **President Jimmy Carter** calls him "one of my best friends." **The MDA 2002 National Goodwill Ambassador.** His books include "**Heartsongs**" and "**Journey Through Heartsongs**".

The **Simone Vitale Band** is fortunate to perform at all of The Variety Gala Events. **Simone Vitale** is proud to be a board member of Variety.



**Variety - The Children's Charity's 10th Anniversary Gold Heart Ball** was at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. **Paula Tutman** of **WDIV-Channel 4** was the guest host. 12-year-old poet **Mattie Stepanek** was honored with the **Unsung Hero Award**.