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**Tickets Available For 2008 Apple Blossom Cotillion**

SPRINGFIELD – The Apple Blossom Cotillion is the Springfield area’s largest single community event. Upwards of 1,500 people fill the Riverside gymnasium to see high school senior girls and their escorts sing, dance, and present themselves.

This year’s 52nd annual Apple Blossom Cotillion promises to be another special evening of entertainment and excitement. The theme of this year’s production is “It Takes Two” and will feature songs made famous by duets.

In addition to the crowning of the 2008 Apple Blossom Queen and her court, the evening will include the ever-popular performances by the elementary school children, the “future Cotillionaires”.

Photographs of the 22 couples participating this year are on display in a store window on Main Street in Springfield. Also displayed are a collection of gowns from past Cotillions including some worn by children. This display plus the almost 40 portraits of past queens will move to Riverside gymnasium as part of the “Memory Lane” exhibit that accompanies the Cotillion performances.

Tickets for the crowning of the queen on Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 pm are available at Arlene’s Hallmark Shop, and the hospital’s two stores: the Corner Gift Shop in the hospital lobby and the Hidden Treasures eBay store (formerly the Boutique Room) on Main Street in downtown Springfield. Tickets are \$10. Tickets for Friday’s performance (without the judging) are \$8 at the door.

The Apple Blossom Cotillion is presented by Springfield Hospital Foundation. All proceeds are used for college scholarships for health care careers. For information, contact Larry Kraft at 885-7644. ###