

## BEST BUDDIES



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### Word of Mouth at the Festival

A hazard of covering the Toronto International Film Festival is getting hyped (and all dressed up) for stars who are scheduled to appear and then are no-shows. A case in point was Monday night's gala screening for *The Stars Fell on Henrietta* at which lead actor **Robert Duvall** and producer **Clint Eastwood** were glaringly absent in spite of promises by promoters that they would be there, in the flesh.

The party that followed, a benefit for Best Buddies, a non-profit organization founded in the United States in 1989 to promote relationships between university students and people with mental disabilities, and which has a chapter at York University, was a hopping affair regardless.

While the celebrity count was low, it was by no means insubstantial. Leading the list was **Anthony Kennedy Shriver**, younger brother of **Maria Shriver**, a.k.a. **Mrs. Arnold Schwarzenegger**. As founder of Best Buddies, Shriver addressed the Roy Thomson Hall crowd prior to the screening with a rousing speech that would have made uncles **Bobby** and **John F. Kennedy** proud.

And actress **Kirstie Alley** walked arm-in-arm with Shriver through the restaurant, stopping **Rosedale** matrons and wannabes alike dead in their tracks.