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1 Actresses Christy Scott Cashman (left) and Tea Leoni at the UNICEF party

Leoni's ties to UNICEF run deep

1 For actress **Tea Leoni**, being an ambassador for the US Fund for UNICEF isn't just a passing endorsement. "UNICEF's role in the world is as a humanitarian organization. We're not just there in times of crisis," said Leoni, whose grandmother Helenka Pantaleoni was a founder of the fund and whose father, **Anthony Pantaleoni**, serves on its board. Leoni was in Boston yesterday for a reception at the Gamble Mansion on Commonwealth Avenue that was followed by a dinner at the Back Bay home of construction magnate **Jay Cashman** and

his wife, actress **Christy Scott Cashman**. "It's always nice to spend a night not covered in jelly and magic marker," said the mother of two. But it's not all fancy parties catered by top chefs, including **Anthony Susi**, **Dante de Magistris**, and **Marc Orfaly**. Leoni has traveled with her father to Honduras and Vietnam to observe the programs sponsored by the 60-year-old children's charity. "It's important that every ambassador travel in the field," said Leoni, who is married to actor **David Duchovny**. "We can see what the needs are and speak to that."