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CELEBRATE THE WONDER OF CHILDHOOD AT CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA

Chicago, IL — Mark your calendar for a night of enchantment at Chicago Children's Museum's (CCM) 2019 Make Believe Gala: *Cirque!* on Saturday, November 9 at 6:30pm in the Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier. This year's theme invites guests to revel in the wonder of childhood while raising critical funds to support the museum's unique child-centered exhibits, community inclusion initiatives, and educationally-charged programming. The Gala promises to be a captivating night of live performances, dinner, dancing, and philanthropic revelry with exclusive live and silent auctions, a raffle, and much more!

As the museum's largest fundraising event of the year, the Gala celebrates CCM's commitment to providing opportunities for self-expression, creativity, discovery, and hands-on learning to all children, both in the museum and within the community. Over 500 guests representing Chicago's top corporate and philanthropic communities join in the festivities.

Gala tickets are \$500 each, with \$250 as a tax-deductible gift to support CCM's mission. For up-to-date information on the evening's events, visit <https://www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org/fundraising-events> or call the museum's fundraising office at (312) 464-7714.

Gala Co-Chairs: Colleen Kelly Gomos and William J. Kelley, Jr.

About Chicago Children's Museum

The mission of Chicago Children's Museum (CCM) is to improve children's lives by creating a community where play and learning connect. For more than 30 years, CCM has been dedicated to young children and the important adults in their lives. The museum's recently renovated play-filled experiences, including more than 15 interactive exhibits and daily programming, tap into how kids learn, and engage from ages 0-10 to develop the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. CCM aims to deliver at least one-third of its total annual attendance to low-income or underserved community members. In its last fiscal year, CCM hosted more than 400,000 visitors. For more information, please visit www.ChicagoChildrensMuseum.org.

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