

Adoption Center of Illinois

FOREVER FAMILY GALA

32nd Anniversary

March 6, 2021





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WELCOMES YOU TO THE
FOREVER FAMILY GALA

32ND ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021
The Comfort of Your Home

EMCEE
Lourdes Duarte
Co-anchor of WGN Evening News

PROGRAM

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| 6:45 pm | Preshow
Silent Auction |
| 7:00 pm | Welcome
Raffle Pull
Live Auction Bidding Opens |
| 7:05 pm | ACI 101
Mission Moment
Live Auction Presentation** |
| 8:00 pm | "With a Little help From My Friends"
Performed by Acts Of Kindness Cabaret |
| 9:00 pm | Silent Auction Closes |

(Note: Live auction items will close on a rolling basis during the presentation)

WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

I am delighted to welcome you this evening to our 32nd Annual Forever Family Gala!

Things are certainly different this year, as we hold the gala virtually for the first time! When I saw the guest list I noted many families joining us from across the country, from Massachusetts, Virginia and Maryland to name a few, as well as from our backyard here in Illinois. We even have some people joining us from Portugal, all the way across the ocean!

Wherever you are, we are glad that you are with us tonight. It's been a very busy year at ACI and we have so much to celebrate. We've been an integral part of Illinois' adoption community for the last 32 years and, despite the unique challenges faced in the last year, have successfully continued our mission of Helping Children Through Adoption. We have supported birth parents, both as they make an adoption plan and in the years after. We've connected families with needed post-adoption services. All of this, and so much more, is possible because of YOU! Without the support of board of directors, staff and community we surely would not be who we are today.

Thank you for being here and I hope you enjoy every moment of our virtual gala!

Warmest regards,
Jane Turner
Executive Director

GALA EMCEE



Lourdes Duarte is co-anchor of WGN Evening News at 4pm. Prior to her role on the evening news, Lourdes was co-anchor of the WGN Morning News and a reporter for WGN News at Nine. Lourdes came to WGN-TV in September of 2007 as a general assignment reporter for the WGN Midday News, WGN Evening News and WGN News at Nine.

Prior to joining WGN-TV, Lourdes worked for three years as a reporter and fill-in anchor for WJBK-TV, the Fox affiliate in Detroit, Michigan. She also spent two years as a reporter for WXIN-TV in Indianapolis. While there, she launched and hosted the station's public affairs program, "Hoy en Dia," and anchored daily news cut-ins in Spanish for radio station WEDJ-FM. Lourdes was a reporter in Peoria at WHOI-TV and at Metro Networks in Miami, Florida for radio stations WLRN-FM and WTMI-FM. She got her start here in Chicago, working as a freelance reporter for Telemundo.

Lourdes is a four time Emmy Award winner. She also received an Emmy nomination for a story on deportation. Lourdes and a WGN photographer were aboard the plane that transported undocumented immigrants to their home country.

Lourdes also hosts "Adelante Chicago" on WGN. In 2009, she was picked as one of DePaul University's 14 Under 40 and is on the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Communication.

Lourdes received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from DePaul University.

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ACI would like to extend special thanks to the following people for donating their time and energy to ensure the success of tonight's event:

Lourdes Duarte, *tonight's emcee*

Justine Yarus, *for creating the gala invitation package and program*

Thank you to tonight's hardworking volunteer brigade:

Pam Brown

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Michelle Setka

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Acts Of Kindness Cabaret for our closing music

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AUCTION PROCEDURES

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LIVE AUCTION

The live auction will begin at 7 pm on Saturday, March 6th and will close on a rolling basis throughout the program presentation. You can bid on Live Auction items using the same steps at the Silent Auction- just take a look under the "Live Auction" Category!

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction will close at 9pm on Saturday, March 6th, 2021. As soon as the silent auction closes, you will receive an alert on your phone notifying you of the item(s) you have won.

NEW THIS YEAR: BUY IT NOW ITEMS!

If you see an item you have to have, you can purchase it directly without the hassle of bidding! Simply tap the item and select the "Buy Now" option. Please note that "Buy Now" is not available for all items.

HELP IS AVAILABLE!

If you have any questions, call us at 773-334-2300 or email us at support@adoptillinois.org. One of our volunteers will be in touch to answer your questions.

CHECK-OUT AND ITEM DELIVERY

The credit card you have on file will be charged automatically after the silent auction closes. When paying with credit card, you will have the option to cover the associated processing fees- this extra addition is fully tax-deductible!

Caitlin Lange, ACI's Director of Development, will be in touch the week after the gala to form a delivery plan for auction items you have won. Please note that some items cannot be shipped and will need to be delivered or picked up in person.

AUCTION PROCEDURES

REGARDING TAX-DEDUCTIBILITY

Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center (ACI) is recognized by the State of Illinois and the IRS as a 501c3tax-exempt organization. Contributions to ACI are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please note: ACI assumes no responsibility for the validity of descriptions, authenticity or conditions of any items offered. ACI makes no warranty or guarantees. Values listed are as stated by the donor. Values indicated for some items are estimated and are not warranted by ACI for tax purposes.

By his/her purchase, the buyer waives any claims of liability against ACI or the donor for property or services. Neither ACI nor the donor is responsible for any personal injuries or damage that may result from the use of property or services sold. ACI reserves the right to withdraw any item at any time before the actual sale.

All sales are final and there will be no exchange or refunds on items except where noted. Purchases are tax deductible only to the extent that the amount paid exceeds the fair market value of the item received. For example, if an item is purchased for \$500 at the auction and the fair market value of the item is \$450, then the purchaser would receive an acknowledgement of a tax-deductible contribution for \$50. This amount represents the difference between the fair market value and the amount paid.

ACI is required to provide you with a "good faith estimate" of the fair market value of the goods or services offered in the auction. The good faith estimates are provided on your receipt.

LIVE AUCTION

KIAWAH ISLAND VACATION



Get away from it all with a one-week stay on Kiawah Island in South Carolina!

This beautiful home is only a 3 minute walk to the beach, steps away from the community pool, offers Turtle Point golf course views from the front and beautiful lagoon views from the back.

This four-bedroom home sleeps up to eight guests with a king bed in the master suite, two queen beds and two twin beds for the kids. Enjoy stunning views of the lagoon from the screened porch and outdoor dining area. This gorgeous house has everything you need, including a fully—appointed kitchen, luxurious living room and four full baths.

Ideal for anyone looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of Chicago!

Donated by Kyle and Angela Stokien

LIVE AUCTION

CABOOSE CONDO STAY



Choo choo!

Take a trip to remember with a five-day stay in a charming End of The Line Caboose condo in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin! This historic converted double caboose is still on the original tracks. The private unit comfortably sleeps two adults and three children with a queen bed, a sofa bed and a two twin convertible chair beds. Enjoy a breath of fresh air on the private porch with stunning views of the surrounding woodlands. The caboose car includes everything you need for a dream getaway, including a full bath, kitchenette, dining area, comfortable sectional sofa and entertainment center. Spend your days swimming with the family in the heated outdoor pool or the nearby beach- passes are included!

You're just a seven-minute walk from downtown Lake Geneva and all this exciting area has to offer including fine dining, shopping, golf, waterfront activities and the newly renovated Rivera boardwalk.

Available for May 15th to October 15th 2021, not available Independence Day weekend.

Donated by Rich and Tina Peterson

LIVE AUCTION

VICTOR BAR COCKTAIL CLASS



You and nine friends will hone your mixology skills in this exclusive two-hour cocktail class at The Victor Bar in North Center.

Learn the proper techniques for shaking and stirring and take home recipes for the Victor's favorite drinks, all with an emphasis on flavor, balance, and proper dilution. As you learn from the pros, you'll have plenty of opportunity for tastings. Good for any day of the week with a heavy preference for midday, prior to the bar's 5pm opening.

Donated by The Victor Bar

LIVE AUCTION

RUSTIC LOG CABIN VACATION



You'll have the adventure of a lifetime with a log cabin getaway at Justin Trails!

Take a break to enjoy nature in this stunning bed-and-breakfast surrounded by woodland forest, beautifully manicured gardens and quaint farmland. Bring the whole family for a week-long stay in the Paul Bunyan cabin which comfortably sleeps six, or make it a longer romantic getaway with a stay for two in the Little House on the Prairie Cabin.

Relax in front of the fireplace, lounge in your whirlpool tub, or enjoy gorgeous views from your private deck! During the day, grab a delicious homemade breakfast, then explore the 200-acre property with dog-friendly walking trails and two championship disc golf courses. You're nearby tons of local activities, such as winery tours, horseback riding, kayaking, sledding, or cross-country skiing. Located in Sparta, Wisconsin, Justin Trails is an easy drive from the Chicagoland area and is pet friendly. Don't forget to say hello to the farm llamas, Dusty and Rusty!

Expires April 30, 2022

Donated by Mike and Sandy Drelicharz

LIVE AUCTION

INSTANT WINE CELLAR



Start your own private wine cellar or enhance your existing collection with twelve bottles of fine wine. These highly-rated bottles include a range of varietals, perfect for the adventurous wine connoisseur!

Each bottle is rated at least 90 points by expert Robert Parker and one bottle received a perfect score of 100 points! Sip these now or save them for a celebration. Either way, you don't want to miss out on this wine collection donated by members of the ACI community.

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| 1. 2016 Lail "J. Daniel Cuvee" Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon | <i>Rated 100 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 2. 2016 Chateau Pontet-Canet, Pauillac (375ml) | <i>Rated 98 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 3. 2013 Morlet Coeur De Vallee Cabernet Sauvignon | <i>Rated 97 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 4. 2015 Domaine Zind Humbrecht Alsace Grand Cru Riesling | <i>Rated 96 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 5. 2014 Nickel & Nickel Copper Streak Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon | <i>Rated 95 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 6. 2018 Nickel & Nickel C.C. Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon | <i>Rated 94 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 7. 2008 Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame Brut | <i>Rated 93 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 8. 2016 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection | <i>Rated 93 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 9. 2018 Faust Cabernet Sauvignon Magnum | <i>Rated 92 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 10. 2015 Champagne Bollinger Special Cuvee | <i>Rated 91 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 11. 2018 Cakebread Cabernet | <i>Rated 90 points by Robert Parker</i> |
| 12. 2018 Domaine Louis Latour Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru | <i>Rated 90 points by Robert Parker</i> |

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Good wishes

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From
John Metropoulos
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Thanks

To All at ACI



The Mulerts



Congratulations

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The Amrol Family
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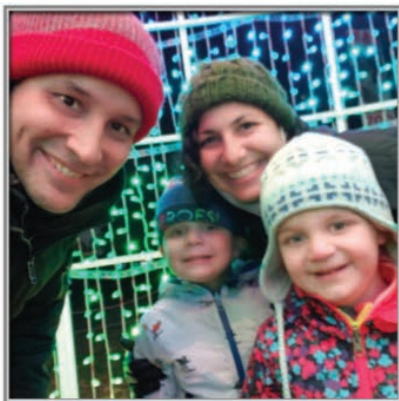
The Charnogursky Family

Thank you

to Jane and the entire staff at ACI
for all that you do to Help Children through Adoption

Bill and Kimberly Filan





The Trobaugh Family

We never knew **Family** could take on so many different and wonderful meanings until we became a part of the Adoption Center of Illinois Family.

We are thankful for the support system that ACI continues to be for so many of us.

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From
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on your 1st (and we hope only!) Virtual Forever Family Gala!

Best Wishes,

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