

Adoption Center of Illinois

FOREVER FAMILY GALA

33rd Anniversary

March 5, 2022





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WELCOMES YOU TO THE

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SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

The Comfort of Your Home

EMCEE

Lourdes Duarte

Co-anchor of WGN Evening News

Auctioneer

Jim Lestinsky of Kraft Auction Services

PROGRAM

6:45 pm	Pre-Show
7:00 pm	Welcome Raffle Pull
7:05 pm	ACI 101 Live Auction Promo Mission Moment <i>with 2021 scholarship recipient Hannah Brownd</i> Live Auction Presentation
8:00 pm	Program Ends
8:30 pm	Live Auction Closes
9:00 pm	Silent Auction Closes

WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

I am delighted to welcome you this evening to our 33rd Annual Forever Family Gala!

With everything going on in your busy lives, we are glad that you made the time to be with us tonight. We are so grateful to connect with friends new and old who have gathered here for our second virtual gala to support our mission of Helping Children Through Adoption!

It's been a very exciting year at ACI and we have so much to celebrate. We've been an integral part of Illinois' adoption community for the last 33 years and have successfully continued to provide compassionate, comprehensive adoption services to the Chicagoland community. We've expanded our Primary Provider program, which helps international families complete adoptions. We have supported birth parents, both as they make an adoption plan and in the years after. We've connected families with needed adoption support services, including our brand-new Adoption Community Connection and a new Adoptive Family support group. All of this, and so much more, is possible because of YOU! Without the commitment of our 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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Tonight's emcee

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For their collective efforts to make the 33rd Gala successful

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Thank you for your continued hard work and devotion helping bring families together

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For creating the gala invitation package and program



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AUCTION PROCEDURES

GO TO: bidpal.net/2022ACIGala

LIVE AUCTION

The live auction will close at 8:30pm on March 5, 2022. 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 5th, 2022. As soon as the silent auction closes, you will receive an alert on your phone notifying you of the item(s) you have won.

BUY IT NOW

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 Live Auction 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 acknowledgment 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

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! 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.

2019 Chateau de Beaucastel Chateauneuf-du-Pape

2018 Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon

2018 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cay Cabernet Sauvignon

2017 E. Pira Chiara Boschis "Via Nuova" Barolo

2018 Cade Howell Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

2019 Turley Wine Cellars Turley Estate Napa Valley Petite Syrah

2019 Kosta Browne Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

2018 Morey-Saint-Denis Domaine Dujac

2016 Domaine Dupont-Fahn Puligny-Montrachet "Les Charmes"

2017 Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

2019 Sea Smoke 10 Pinot Noir

2020 Domaine Francois Cotat "Monts Damnes" Sancerre

96 points by Wine Spectator

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Patrick Alvarez and Matthew Panzica

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Jeff Sirota and Karen Uselmann

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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

KIAWAH ISLAND VACATION



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

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 Stokien

LIVE AUCTION

PLAY BALL!



Four Chicago Cubs American Airlines 1914 Club Tickets

Watch the Chicago Cubs play in luxury with four American Airlines 1914 Club Tickets! The exclusive, members-only American Airlines 1914 Club, located behind home plate, is all about the glamour. This all-inclusive club experience is the ultimate way to dine with multiple bars serving craft and domestic beer, premium spirits, and a selection of wine. Unique food offerings inside this club include chef-attended grill stations, artisan pizzas and flatbreads, ballpark fan favorites, and signature house-made desserts. Members also enjoy grab-and-go options and dedicated vendors serving traditional ballpark fare directly to their seats.

Additional amenities include exclusive retail products only available within the club and storage lockers to use during games. You'll even have access to a private entrance to the park, parking pass, and private restrooms! Your exceptional 5th-row seats are located just to the side of home plate (AA15, Row 5, Seats 1-4). Game to be determined by mutual agreement.

Donated by United Scrap Metal, Inc

LIVE AUCTION

RUSTIC LOG CABIN VACATION



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

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, 2023

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CLPK27-120 Combo Kit, which includes a 2-speed pocket driver and a 12v max impact driver. Both tools are compact, lightweight tools with LED lights, perfect for continuous overhead work.

PS130-2A Cordless Drill, which features a 12v battery, LED light, 3/8 In. auto chuck for and 20 clutch settings for perfect torque adjustment for precise screw driving.

4000-30 Dremel Rotary tool kit, which includes a high-performance dremel rotary tool with speed adjustments, a carrying case, 2 attachments and 30 accessories for all your grinding, polishing, and cutting needs!

Donated by Katina Xouria

Adoption Center of Illinois,
Thank you for the support for our family
and the many families you have supported
over the years!



Mark, Lee, Claire & Kevin Mulert





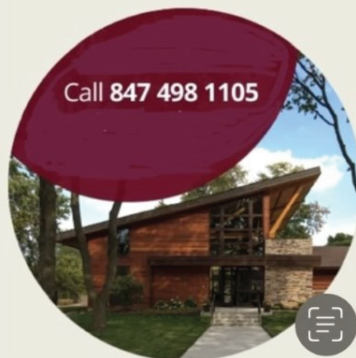
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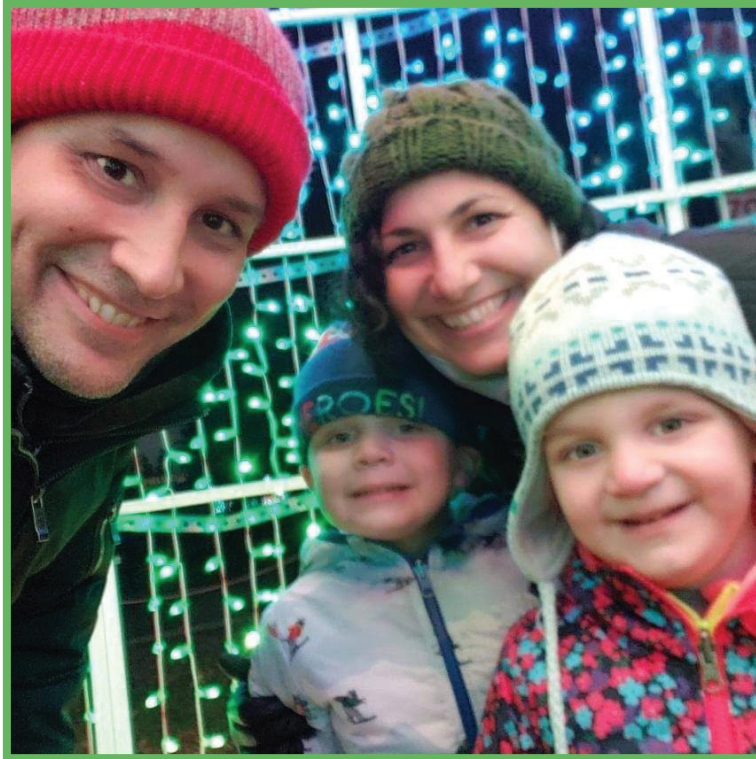
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to Share my Journey with ACI the past 31 Years.
Wishing nothing but continued success
with bringing families together.

&

My beloved Birthmons

I'm proud to walk among you!

From Justine Yarus



*A Special
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to Graham, Kat and Jordan for helping ACI
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*From
Justine and Caitlin*

Thank You

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for fearlessly sharing her story
with our community.

Jane Turner, Caitlin Lange and the Gala Committee

