



Press Release

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DuPage Children's Museum Hosts 'An Evening Under the Stars' Gala Benefit

**Generosity of Christopher Family Foundation pledge matches
all proceeds from the event up to \$100,000**

(Naperville, IL) – Once a year DuPage Children's Museum hosts an elegant spring benefit with dinner, dancing, and live and silent auctions to raise critical funds for its award-winning exhibits and programs for young children.

This year guests can join emcee Allison Rosati, NBC 5 News Anchor, and honorary co-chairs John and Mae Calamos of Calamos Investments in Naperville for 'An Evening Under the Stars' on Saturday, April 25 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard.

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include a pre-event reception, a silent auction, dinner, a live auction and dancing to the music of R-Gang.

"Proceeds from the 2009 Spring Gala will be used to support the Museum's child-focused programs and exhibits. Each and every exhibit is designed to promote growth and development in the critical fields of math, science and the arts regardless of physical, social and economic barriers," said Susan Broad, executive director of the nonprofit DuPage Children's Museum located in Naperville.

One of the Museum's supporters, the Christopher Family Foundation, has pledged to match the proceeds raised for the 'An Evening Under the Stars' event up to \$100,000. "The generosity of all of our sponsors maximizes the fundraising impact of this event to the Museum," said Rosie Sajak, Director of Institutional Advancement. "Our donors help support Museum programs, making them accessible to special needs and underserved populations through our partnerships with over 50 social service agencies through our Community Access Network."

Income raised from the gala benefit, as well as year-round individual gifts and foundation grants, ensures that the Museum experience is affordable and rewarding for families with young children. Community donations account for 40 cents of every dollar spent providing world-class educational experiences for young children and their families.

For more information about 'An Evening Under the Stars' or to purchase tickets, sponsorships or program book advertisements for the annual benefit, call (630) 637-8000, ext. 2520.

Event sponsors to date include: The Christopher Family Foundation, Calamos Investments, The Harter Family, Door to Door Direct, Kayser Family, Kazma Family, Ron and Nancy Nyberg, Harris Private Bank, Naperville Jaycees, Yellow Book, Ice Miller, the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center and the Women's Center for Health.

About DuPage Children's Museum:

DuPage Children's Museum helps develop curiosity, creativity, thinking and problem solving in young children via interactive exhibits and programs that make learning fun for children and adults playing together.

The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, Illinois, a quick walk from the Naperville Metra train station. Parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible.

DuPage Children's Museum, a nonprofit organization, is a top Chicago area cultural attraction *where learning comes in to play™!* For information about hours, museum admission, and membership packages, visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org or call (630) 637-8000.

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