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## **In-person or Virtual, Children Awaiting Parents' Gala Brings Entertainment-Filled Evening with Local Celebrity Emcees on November 6**

Rochester, NY—Among all those particularly **hard hit from the pandemic** are this country's **400,000+ children and youth living in foster care. More than 122,000** are waiting for a forever family. Whether due to the disruption in the court system, the challenge in the ability to provide in-person direct services, the instability of safety nets such as schools, or the trauma inflicted on those already traumatized, **these children are more vulnerable than ever.**

Lauri McKnight, executive director of the Rochester-based Children Awaiting Parents (CAP) notes that these are just some of the reasons that the **November 6 gala, "Home, Heart & Harmony: Around the Table-Food from Your Family Tree"** is so critical.

"We are excited to offer an **in-person or virtual gala experience,**" said McKnight. "No matter the choice, this year's event will be an entertainment-filled evening and our most innovative gala to date! The party rolls out with **local celebrity emcees Scott Spezzano and Sandy Waters,** and features music, food, videos, an auction, wine pull, raffles, videos, and more."

Held during **National Adoption Month,** the gala celebrates the connection between food and family, and offers a variety of ticket types available for purchase at [www.childrenawaitingparents.org](http://www.childrenawaitingparents.org), including:

- **All-inclusive, In-person Gala Ticket (\$100):** All access admission to LIVE event at Comedy at the Carlson (50 Carlson Road, Rochester) plus virtual auction, raffle, and wine pull
- **All-inclusive Virtual Gala Ticket (\$50):** All access admission to virtual event platform featuring real-time feed from live event hosted at Comedy at the Carlson, plus virtual auction, raffle and wine pull
- **Auction-only Virtual Gala Ticket (\$25):** Admission access only to virtual auction, raffle and wine pull on event platform

Additionally, CAP is offering **creative sponsorship opportunities with new benefits.** Gala proceeds support CAP's work to assist families throughout the adoption process, and provides programs and services that recruit, train, and support foster and adoptive parents. Visit

[childrenawaitingparents.org](http://childrenawaitingparents.org) for more information.

**CALENDAR:**

*What:* “Home, Heart & Harmony: Around the Table—Food from your Family Tree” Children Awaiting Parents’ annual gala

*When:* Friday, November 6, 6 pm

*Where:* In-person at Comedy at the Carlson (50 Carlson Road, Rochester), or virtual

*Tickets:* [www.childrenawaitingparents.org](http://www.childrenawaitingparents.org)

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