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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, 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

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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

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