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Children Awaiting Parents' "Home, Heart & Harmony" Gala Returns on November 5 with Entertainment-Filled Evening

Event Supports Agency's Work to Find Forever Families for Children Waiting in Foster Care

Rochester, NY—In time for **November's National Adoption Month**, Children Awaiting Parents (CAP) hosts a joyful gala event on **Friday, November 5 at 6 pm at ArtisanWorks** (565 Blossom Road, #L) to raise awareness and funds for the Rochester-based, national non-profit that finds forever families for children waiting the longest in foster care.

Emceed by Rochester icon **Jennifer Johnson**, the event kicks off with a cocktail reception, a cello/harp duo, silent auction, and wine pull. The program highlights a compelling new video of a CAP family's story; presentation of the Founders' Award and Community Partner Award; dinner; and live entertainment by The Swooners performing everything from swingin' jazz to high-energy dance music.

Home, Heart & Harmony - From Foster to Forever provides an opportunity for the public to learn more about CAP, and to support its critical work. As CAP does not receive government funding, the agency relies on donations and fundraising events like the gala to support its robust programs and services.

"Our renewed post-2020 pandemic vigor has resulted in better than ever numbers of Adoption Program families, as well as the launch of our newly-approved Therapeutic Foster Care program," remarked CAP Executive Director Lauri McKnight. "But we count on the Gala to bring in support so crucial to our ability to find forever families for kids."

Proceeds and donations support CAP's work to assist families from the pre-through post-adoption process, and provides programs and services to recruit, train, and support foster and adoptive parents. In New York State alone, there are more than 3,000 children waiting and hoping for adoption by a loving, permanent family.

Tickets and sponsorships are available at <u>childrenawaitingparents.ejoinme.org/CAPGala</u>. Masks, vaccination cards, and/or a negative COVID-19 test (no more than 72 hours prior to event) are required for entry and attendance.

For those unable to attend the gala, a special 30-minute televised video with new footage and inspiring stories will air on Saturday, November 20 at 7:30 pm on WROC-TV channel 8. Visit <u>childrenawaitingparents.org</u> for more information.

CALENDAR:

What: Children Awaiting Parents' gala, Home, Heart & Harmony: From Foster to Forever

When: Friday, November 5, 6:00 pm

Where: ArtisanWorks, 565 Blossom Road, #L, Rochester, NY 14610

Tickets: tinyurl.com/CAPgala-2021

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