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DuPage Children's Museum Play Soirée Celebrates Another Year of Impact and Meaningful Community Partnerships

(Naperville, IL)... DuPage Children's Museum (DCM) will celebrate the power of partnerships to extend and expand impact so that all children thrive through access to extraordinary learning experiences at its annual Play Soirée on Saturday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m.

DCM's annual event serves as an important fund-raiser for the Museum, a nonprofit which depends on donations and grants to operate. Museum Chief of Development Renee Miklosik shared, "We are excited to host our annual celebration of impact in our community and we look forward to welcoming old friends and making new ones who share our passion for this community and its stakeholders."

This year, DCM will present its 2022 Great Friend to Kids Award to Dorri C. McWhorter, CEO of YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and former CEO of YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Each year DCM honors a person or organization making outstanding contributions to enriching the lives of children. Dorri exemplifies the passion and commitment of a leader who mobilizes her teams to partner in building better communities and opportunities so that all families and their children may thrive.

DCM's Play Soirée will also feature keynote speaker, Doug Farr, a nationally-recognized architect and author. Doug is a pioneer in contributions to sustainability in the built environment and has been at the leading edge of quickly evolving practices and innovations in architecture. Doug will share ideas that put our children's future in our hands by providing opportunities to live and learn in unison with the natural world.

DuPage Children's Museum CEO Andrea Wiles emphasized, "We are honored to regularly work and play with dynamic thought leaders who are leading the way into a future in which families and our environment thrive. Dorri and Doug represent the partnership and bold thinking that will define the world we are creating for our children.

This special event will educate and inspire. DCM would like to thank our 2022 Play Soirée Presenting Sponsor Molex; Lead Sponsors Wintrust and Organic Life; Advocate Sponsor Busey Bank; and Supporting Sponsor PNC. Learn more on the event page at dupagechildrens.org/give/benefit-ball/

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About DuPage Children's Museum

The Museum helps develop curiosity, creativity, thinking, and problem solving in young children through its mission: "DuPage Children's Museum nurtures joyful discovery and learning." Interactive exhibits and programs make learning fun for children and adults playing together. DCM reaches over 500,000 visitors annually representing all 50 states and 575 zip codes just in Illinois. DCM's reach and support represent well beyond the Chicagoland area. The Museum's impact extends across cultural, financial, and educational boundaries. It touches the lives of children from all regions, providing the building blocks for success in school and life. DCM has expanded inclusive and strategic efforts to design and build experiences to inspire and prepare children of all ages to seize their potential as innovators, scientists, engineers, and creative solution builders. The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, www.dupagechildrens.org or call (630) 637-8000.

PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS:



Dorri McWhorter, President and CEO of YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, is being honored with *The Great Friend to Kids Award* and DMC's annual Play Soirée. Dorri prides herself on being a socially-conscious business leader and is committed to creating an inclusive marketplace by leveraging a cross-sector approach of engaging business, civic and community partners.



DuPage Children's Museum Play Soirée is taking place Saturday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. at DuPage Children's Museum Learn more at dupagechildrens.org/benefit-ball.