MIRACLES FOR KIDS RAISES RECORD-BREAKING $3.04 MILLION FOR FAMILIES IN NEED AT 17th ANNUAL NIGHT OF MIRACLES GALA

IRVINE, Calif., (October 20, 2021) — On Saturday, October 16, Miracles for Kids – a local nonprofit that provides ongoing, multi-year services to hundreds of low-income families with children battling life-threatening illnesses and conditions – raised a total of $3.04 million at the 17th Annual Night of Miracles Gala - *Strength of a Miracle*.

The record-breaking amount of funds raised greatly exceeded what the organization brought in last year ($1.81 M) and will benefit more than 300 critically-ill children and families struggling to make ends meet throughout Southern California. This year’s gala was made possible by over 50 generous sponsors and underwriters, including Presenting Sponsor Xponential Fitness, Wine Sponsor AsOne Cru, Jewelry Sponsor Kane Lim from Netflix’s *Bling Empire*, and Spirits Sponsors Duke Spirits and La Adelita Tequila.

This inspirational evening was hosted at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel, and safely brought together nearly 400 supporters. The 2021 theme, *Strength of a Miracle*, celebrated the strength of the children and families that Miracles for Kids serves and honored those in the community who stood by them when in need.

“It is through strength, perseverance, and the power of community that miracles are made” said Autumn Strier, Co-founder and CEO of Miracles for Kids. We are truly grateful for
the continued dedication of our donors, sponsors, and supporters that allows us to impact critically-ill children and families in need."

The Night of Miracles Silent Auction, which opened five days prior to the Gala to the organization’s entire database of supporters, showcased 184 amazing items in the categories of Dining and Getaways, Fine Wines and Spirits, Sports and Entertainment, and Spa and Beauty, raising $178,000. A few noteworthy silent auction items included a 5-night stay for up to 11 at the famous Billabong House on Oahu’s North Shore, a day on the set & speaking role in famed director, McG’s, next film or TV project, golf twosome w/ Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen at El Niguel Country Club, Wraith Drive Chronograph by Rebellion timepiece, the opportunity to ring the bell at the NYSE, and a 2006 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon. The Live Auction offered guests remarkable items to bid on as well, bringing in $203,000, including a 7-night stay for up to 15 in a Punta Mita Beachfront Luxury Villa, Marvel’s Doctor Strange Hollywood Film Premiere Experience for 2, an adorable AKC French Bulldog puppy, and Robb Report’s VIP Napa Car of the Year Experience and Getaway for 2. For those guests who were feeling lucky, Miracles for Kids provided the opportunity to purchase tickets to win a stunning $37,500, 4.35 carat emerald and diamond ring designed by Kyle Chan Design, generously donated by supporter Kane Lim.

The most moving portion of the evening was the standing ovation given to brain tumor patient, 13-year-old Mark, and his family, following a video featuring his family’s story. Immediately after, the Fund-a-Family portion began, where supporters in the room gave $2.14M directly in support of the mission, including a $1M matching gift by a longtime donor of the organization.

TRAFFIK CEO Anthony Trimino, a dedicated champion of Miracles for Kids for over a decade, was named the 2021 Miracle Maker Honoree, recognized for the vast resources of his company that he has engaged to benefit the organization including website design/launch, brand updates, campaign design, annual video production, corporate sponsorships, and much
more. Anthony and his wife Jennifer have involved their family as active volunteers, donors, and advocates for the organization.

The Children’s Wellness Garden Club was named this year’s Champion of Children Honoree, which highlights and celebrates volunteers who continuously go above and beyond in making a difference in the lives of the children in which the organization serves. Comprised entirely of students from local high schools including JSerra High School and Dana Hills High School, the Children’s Wellness Garden Club generously provided 250+ volunteer hours to transform Miracles for Kids’ overgrown outdoor area into a Certified Wildlife Habitat and sensory garden for children and families to enjoy during therapy and social skills sessions.


About Miracles for Kids
Miracles for Kids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving children with life-threatening illnesses and conditions and the families that care for them. By operating programs that provide financial aid, basic needs and wellness to patients and their families, Miracles for Kids creates stability when families are crumbling from the financial and emotional devastation of fighting for their child's life. Founded in 2002, Miracles for Kids is based in Irvine, CA. For more information, please visit https://miraclesforkids.org/.

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