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GRAMMY® Award-Winning Singer/Songwriter Ashanti to Headline the Sold-Out Miracles for Kids 2026 Night of Miracles Gala Presented by Sequel Brands

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IRVINE, Calif. – (Oct. 08, 2026): GRAMMY® Award-winning, multiplatinum singer/songwriter [Ashanti](#), will headline the Miracles for Kids highly anticipated, sold-out [2026 Night of Miracles Gala: The Miracle of Tomorrow](#), presented by [Sequel Brands](#) on Saturday, October 17, at Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club. Nearly 500 guests will come together for one of the nonprofit’s biggest nights of the year, combining music, entertainment and giving to raise critical funds for families caring for children with life-threatening illnesses. Ashanti will bring a high-energy close to the event with a special 30-minute performance featuring some of her biggest hits.

This year’s “The Miracle of Tomorrow” theme reflects the heart of the Miracles for Kids mission. For families facing a child’s critical illness, each day can bring financial and emotional challenges while they hold onto hope for tomorrow. The gala will be an evening where purpose meets possibility, bringing guests together to help create greater stability for families in need.

Opening the gala will be 22-year-old powerhouse vocalist [Carolina Rial](#), who has toured as a guest artist with Andrea Bocelli during his 30th anniversary shows and competed on *The Voice* as a member of John Legend’s team. Returning as emcee is actor, producer, radio personality and podcaster [Manny “Streetz” Guevara](#) of iHeartRadio’s 104.3 MYFM in Los Angeles.

The night will spotlight the resilience of a **2026 Miracle Family** and honor entrepreneur, philanthropist and Alliance Communications’ Founder/CEO Quy “Q” Nguyen as the **2026 Miracle Maker** for his 17 years of support for Miracles for Kids as a donor, volunteer and advocate.

Capping off the evening, **multiplatinum singer, songwriter and actress Ashanti** will take the stage for a special performance. The GRAMMY® Award-winning artist’s self-titled debut album, *Ashanti*, reached No.1 on both the Billboard 200 and R&B album charts. She has received eight Billboard Awards, two American Music Awards and two Soul Train Awards, and has sold more than 30 million albums to date.

“As a mother, I know there is nothing more important than your child and their future,” said Ashanti. “The work Miracles for Kids does to support families with critically-ill children is incredibly meaningful, and I’m honored to be part of Night of Miracles. Music always brings people together for a great cause.”

Beyond the performances, guests will enjoy fine dining, inspiring stories of courage and hope, as well as a spirited live auction featuring luxury experiences and one-of-a-kind offerings. The

[silent auction](#), opening online Tuesday, October 13, will feature travel, dining, entertainment, jewelry and lifestyle experiences, and a drawing that will give guests the chance to win a **\$45,000 necklace from Happy Jewelers**.

Last year's *Night of Miracles: Miracles in Monaco*, headlined by Jordin Sparks, raised nearly **\$3.5 million** for Miracles for Kids. Proceeds support the [Miracles for Kids core programs](#) providing financial assistance, housing, basic necessities, wellness support and long-term stability for critically-ill children and their families in need.

The 2026 Night of Miracles Gala is made possible through the generosity of donors, sponsors and underwriters and is presented by Sequel Brands. Lead sponsors AsOneCru, Happy Jewelers, and David August will continue their many years of generous support, and will join a distinguished list of more than 45 sponsors including TRAFFIK, Javier's, Citizen's Business Bank, One Hope Winery, Chanel, among many others. For the families Miracles for Kids serves, what is given today can help make tomorrow possible. To learn more about Miracles for Kids and support its mission, visit MiraclesForKids.org.

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ABOUT MIRACLES FOR KIDS: Miracles for Kids is a non-profit serving critically-ill children and the families who care for them. Founded in 2004, and led by Co-Founder & CEO Autumn Strier, the organization provides critical support for families that are crumbling from the financial and emotional devastation of fighting for their child's life. With five core programs providing bill pay, housing, wellness, basic needs, and stability to patients and their families, Miracles for Kids fulfills a mission to help caregivers battle bankruptcy, homelessness, hunger, and depression, so they can concentrate on what matters most. In 2025, 82 cents of every dollar collected was spent on programs that directly benefit the families they serve. Based in Irvine, California, Miracles for Kids currently supports families receiving treatment at CHOC Children's, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, Rady Children's, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, By the Bay Health, City of Hope, Loma Linda University Hospital, and Phoenix Children's. Follow [@MiraclesForKids](#) to see how you can make a difference or get involved at MiraclesForKids.org.



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OPPORTUNITY ITEM

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