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La Rabida Children's Hospital 2016 Gala Raised Money, Honored Chicago Sports and Media Icons

(CHICAGO – November 22, 2016) More than 400 supporters turned out for an elegant evening of fun and excitement to raise money and awareness for La Rabida Children's Hospital on Friday, November 18.

The 30th annual *2016 Friends of La Rabida Awards Celebration* was hosted at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel in Chicago to honor community and health care leaders who have shown a commitment to children with special health care needs.

ABC7 Anchor Ravi Baichwal returned as emcee for the evening, which featured dinner, dancing and an exciting live auction and paddle raise.

Among the evening's special guests were:

- Cappie Pondexter, Point Guard for the Chicago Sky
- Betnijah Laney, Shooting Guard for the Chicago Sky
- Michael Alter, Principal Owner of the Chicago Sky
- Eric Ferguson and Kathy Hart, co-hosts of the Eric and Kathy Show on 101.9 WTMX
- Drew Horowitz, COO of Hubbard Radio
- Ginny Morris, CEO of Hubbard Radio
- John Rogers, Chairman, CEO and Chief Investment Officer of Ariel Investments
- Charles Bobrinskoy, Vice Chairman, Head of Investment Group of Ariel Investments
- Bob Arthur, CEO of Magellan Corporation
- Larry Wert, President of Broadcast Media at Tribune Media Company
- Dennis Lyle, CEO of Illinois Broadcasters Association

Drew Horowitz, President and COO of Hubbard Radio and WTMX-FM, was honored for his outstanding corporate philanthropy. The Chicago Sky received an award for their demonstrated commitment to community service. Chicago Sky principle owner Michael Alter and players accepted the Sky's award. Drew Horowitz is a longtime, active member of the Board of Trustees and committed to improving the quality of life for children in the community. The Chicago Sky management, coaches and players have supported many La Rabida initiatives and include patients in many, such as the recent "signing" of patient Taliyah Jackson to the team.

Guests were also treated to a video tribute for the Chicago Sky, WTMX and Drew Horowitz, La Rabida Board member and COO of Hubbard Radio.

“The Chicago Sky franchise is committed to inspiring future generations by showing the world what’s possible, but sometimes it is the La Rabida patients and families who inspire us,” said Alter. “Visiting patients and serving the community of La Rabida is always a top choice for our athletes when we go out into the community.”

The *2016 Friends of La Rabida Awards Celebration* Co-Chairs were Bob Arthur, President of Magellen Corporation and Dennis Lyle, President and CEO of Illinois Broadcasters Association. Honorary Co-Chairs were Jay Blunk, Executive Vice President of the Chicago Blackhawks, Michael Reinsdorf, COO of the Chicago Bulls, Atul Khosla, COO of the Chicago Fire; and Howard Pizer, Senior Executive Vice President of the Chicago White Sox.

“Thanks to our generous donors, La Rabida is equipped to fulfill its unique mission to provide specialized, family-centered healthcare to our city’s most vulnerable children. Their support creates new possibilities for our children every day,” said CEO Brenda Wolf.

About La Rabida Children’s Hospital

La Rabida Children’s Hospital provides specialized, family-centered health care to children with medically complex conditions, disabilities and chronic illness. Through expertise, compassion and advocacy, our team of physicians, nurses, therapists, psychologists and other professionals ensures that our children and their families live their best lives. Located on the shores of Lake Michigan at Jackson Park, La Rabida has served the children of Chicago for more than 120 years.