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THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011

Let's Go to Prom!

FOR THE KID IN ALL OF US LAUNCHES PROJECT PROM TO HELP GEORGIA'S UNDERPRIVILEGED TEENS GO TO THE PROM



Already known for its annual Toy Party & Silent Auction during the holiday season, and Backpack in the Park in the summer, the local non-profit For the Kid in All of Us will now produce its third event – Project Prom – to help Georgia's underprivileged teens bring their prom dreams to life.

On Sunday, March 20, 5-8 PM, Project Prom, a spectacular cocktail party and fashion show hosted by local TV personality Holly Firfer, will take place in the event space on the top floor of the W Atlanta - Midtown. With the city's shimmering skyline as a backdrop, the fashion show will feature refashioned prom gowns modeled by Grady High School students. Special guest Miss Georgia 2010, Christina McCauley, will walk the runway in one of the gowns.

Acclaimed designers E. Vincent Martinez, head of Grady High School's UrbanCouture program, Jason Bunin, professor of fashion design at SCAD-Atlanta, and English Design Lab have reworked the gowns that were donated by Becca's Closet along with makeup and styling by Authentic Beauty for this event.

Project Prom will benefit Youth Pride, Cool Girls, CHRIS Kids and Atlanta Public Schools. In addition to the donation of a refashioned prom gown, proceeds from Project Prom will be distributed to the

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designated beneficiaries for the purpose of providing dinner to prom goers on the night of their prom. “Only a limited number of tickets will be sold to this event,” said Christopher Bess, president of For the Kid in All of Us. “For a donation of \$35 (paid in advance via For the Kid’s website – www.Forthekid.org) a maximum of 250 guests (21+ over) will enjoy a fashion extravaganza, along with food and drink that has been generously donated by the W Atlanta – Midtown.

“We hope that Project Prom will become as successful as our other two major annual events,” says Bess. Since 2003, For the Kid in All of Us has distributed more than 31,500 toys and gift cards through The Toy Party & Silent Auction, 5,100 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and gift cards through Backpack in the Park, and raised over \$450,000 to donate to numerous agencies and organizations serving Georgia’s less fortunate children. Project Prom is presented by the W Atlanta – Midtown and For the Kid in All of Us. Additional sponsors will be listed at the event on March 20. There is still time for local companies to support Project Prom. “We especially need donations for the evening benefiting various local proms (dates to vary) of such items as tuxedo rentals, limousine services, hair and make up and corsage donations,” added Bess.

About For the Kid in All of Us: For the Kid in All of Us, www.ForTheKid.org, was founded in 2003 by a group of friends seeking to make a difference in their local community. Recognizing the staggering number of underprivileged children in Atlanta and in Georgia, the group sought not only to raise awareness, but also to lessen the struggles of families and children during the winter holiday season. What resulted from their vision and efforts was The Toy Party, an annual event where gays, lesbians, and the gay-friendly community in Atlanta could come together to support a cause that affects children across Georgia.

In 2006, For the Kid in All of Us expanded its scope and added a second annual event, Backpack in the Park, a back-to-school benefit, to collect backpacks and school supplies.

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The Board For the Kid in All of Us, the organizer of The Toy Party, Backpack in the Park and Project Prom, includes President Chris Bess, UCB, Inc.; President-elect Alison Hall, SunTrust; Treasurer/Finance Patt Cianciullo, The Home Depot; Secretary Brigid Scarbrough, Kaplan Test Prep & Admission; Fund Development: Joel Harlow, The Home Depot; Curtis Pinkerton, Banana Republic; Khanh Lai, Lilly; Dean Surbey, Emory University; Marketing: Holly Smith, R. Wes Kelly PC; Kenneth Godsey, AT&T; James Murray, Prime Wine & Spirits; Events: David DiCorpo, Cook's Warehouse; Dustin Mullis, Brand Baking Company; Shawna Arthurs, CHRIS Kids; Eric Waldron, W Hotels; Beneficiaries: Thomas Dinkelman; Maggie Lopez, Zeitgeist ARTifacts, Inc.; Infrastructure: Thom Braswell, US Bank; Volunteers: Zachary Adriaenssens; Heather Moore, Legendary Partners of Atlanta; and Past President / Founder: Alex Wan, Jerusalem House.

In addition to the Board Members, Advisory Board Members include: Frank Bragg, Radial Café; Tony Conway, Legendary Events; Nick Gold, Gold Concepts Public Relations; Tony Nelson, Corporate Environments; Kevin Perry, Georgia Beverage Association; and Alex Wan, Jerusalem House.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011

American Craft Council Preview Party

Love crafts? Love a great party? Enjoy both at the American Craft Council Preview Party, Thursday, March 10th at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

See incredible artwork from over 225 talented artists, tasty hors d'oeuvres, beverages and the chance to purchase your favorite pieces.

For more information, follow the link [here](#).

See you there!

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

NO BARE SOLES SHOE DISTRIBUTION FROM CARING FOR OTHERS

3,000 Pairs of New Children's Shoes to be Given Away

March 5, 11 am to 2 pm

While Atlanta-based Caring For Others has worked toward homelessness prevention for years, this spring, the non-profit organization will take action against shoelessness when it hosts No Bare Soles Shoe Distribution. Giving away 3,000 pairs of new children's athletic shoes in just three hours, Caring For Others recognizes that keeping growing feet soled can be a huge challenge for struggling parents.

With 3,000 pairs of socks and name brand tennis shoes to allocate, Caring For Others has been hard at work distributing vouchers to its clients – families the organization serves – who must pre-register and can pick up the shoes during the distribution on March 5. Since the organization exists for the purpose of helping those without the basic necessities live with dignity, the shoe event fits in perfectly with the Caring For Others mission. During one year, the average family spends \$1,680 on clothing and shoes. By providing necessary tennis shoes, Caring For Others can help take a sizable bite out of that

expense.

“Our clients are usually struggling just to keep a roof over their heads and maintain their families,” says Caring For Others President and CEO Eslene Richmond-Shockley. “When someone has to choose between paying the electric bill and buying new shoes for their children, the bills usually have to come first.” Of course, new shoes can provide psychological benefits as well when children can be proud of rather than embarrassed by their footwear.

The giveaway will have a huge impact in the local community. In fact, the retail value of the shoes that will be given out during No Bare Soles Shoe Distribution is about \$135,000. As with all of the items that Caring For Others is able to distribute to its clients, the shoes have been donated (although the corporation to thank for the donation has chosen to remain anonymous). Recently, help like this has become more necessary than ever before.

“We’ve been sad to see the number of incoming requests for assistance growing significantly during the last two to three years,” says Richmond-Shockley, although she is not surprised. As a small non-profit organization, Caring For Others is run by an almost all-volunteer staff that answers requests from up to 35 individuals each day. Throughout the year, Caring For Others also offers the Community Holiday Program, Emergency Financial Assistance, Food Assistance, Life Skills Training, the New Clothing and Furniture Bank, Senior Citizen/Disabled Supplementary Assistance, Utility Assistance and the Return to Work Program. Every day, Caring For Others strives to help keep struggling families from becoming homeless families.

ABOUT Caring For Others, Inc.

www.caring4others.org

Caring For Others, Inc. (CFO) (501c3) is a homelessness prevention organization established in November 2001 to facilitate personal dignity and provide basic necessities to economically disadvantaged individuals, senior citizens, the disabled, the unemployed and families with children.

Caring For Others, Inc. offers an advanced model for homelessness prevention that strives to support those on the brink of homelessness

and end the cycle before it begins. The organization seeks to maintain dignity and consistency in the lives of its clients, to renew their hope and restore their strength by moving beyond simply meeting the basic human needs of food and clothing. Staff and volunteers provide personal and financial support during turbulent times including the use of individual counseling, money management training, job retention and job placement services.

To serve the community and fulfill this mission, the organization depends critically on the charitable giving of others. Caring For Others seeks progressive solutions across the entirety of its platform including developing a unique and more sustainable business model with "CareMart." The CareMart store generates income through the sale of discounted items such as new furniture, clothing and other household goods.

Caring For Others is located at 3537 Browns Mill Road, Suite 2, Atlanta, Georgia 30354 and can be reached at 404-761-0133 or 404-768-2798.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra - Wednesday Feb. 9

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra musicians present: Noche de Romance y Nostalgia:

Traditional & Romantic Songs from Latin America

Followed by a night of Latin dancing to DJ Gustavo Arena of Arena Fina Music

Become romanced by the exquisite melodies performed by Atlanta Symphony Orchestra musicians on a night dedicated to the mystery and enchantment of love, Latin music, and dance; all in the spirit of St. Valentine's. Maestro Juan R. Ramírez will present classical boleros, and you will enjoy three of Mexico's highly acclaimed Sopranos followed by a night of dancing.

Event proceeds benefit the children and families served by the Latin American Association.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Where: Latin American Association - 2750 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30324

Cost: \$12 donation online and \$15 donation at the door - Food & Drinks included!

For more information, contact Veronica Maldonado at 404-638-1815

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2011

Dine out in April to Benefit Open Hand

DINING OUT TO BENEFIT OPEN HAND

Enjoy Great Food with Friends, Family and Co-Workers for a Great Cause

On **Wednesday, April 27, 2011**, the 19th Annual **Dining Out for Life** event, Open Hand's largest annual fundraiser, will be hosted at more than 100 metro Atlanta restaurants. For those that enjoy a meal at participating restaurants, 20% or more of their total check will go towards supporting the community nutrition programs of Open Hand.

AutoTrader.com is the Presenting Sponsor of this year's event, taking place on Administrative Professionals Day. Businesses are encouraged to show their appreciation for these important staff members by treating them to a meal at a participating restaurant. Whether for breakfast, lunch or dinner, this is an ideal opportunity to bring together friends and families not only for a meal, but for a great cause. From kickball teams and social clubs to church and youth groups, these restaurants are eager to provide diners with a fun dining experience to benefit Open Hand.

Open Hand is a nonprofit organization that provides medically-appropriate meals and nutrition education to homebound seniors and individuals living with diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, HIV/AIDS, cancer and disabilities associated with these chronic or critical illnesses. Open Hand, commemorating its 23rd year of service to the community, has grown to become the nation's largest provider of home-delivered meals – preparing, packing and delivering more than 5,500 meals daily across 17 Georgia counties.



Jackie Yeaney, President of the Board of Directors for Open Hand, thanks Twist Executive Chef Peter Kaiser for an wonderful night for Dining Out for Life Supporters.

Members of the Dining Out for Life Executive Committee include Karen Canavan PR, Leigh Catherall of Here to Serve Restaurants and Open Hand Board member, Open Hand Board Member Sally Dorsey, CNN’s Holly Firfer, 11 Alive’s Evelyn Mims, Walt Phelps of Konzept Design Studios, Christine Pullara of Atlanta & Company, Steak Shapiro of 790 The Zone and Open Hand volunteer John Thompson.



Renita T. Shelton, Tina McElroy Ansa (Author), Rosemary Cloud (Fire Chief for the City of East Point), Roz Tucker (Director of Volunteer Services at Open Hand) and Jess Parsons (Corporate Wellness Representative at Open Hand) took this evening of charitable dining as the perfect opportunity to host an evening with an author.

Last year, participants raised nearly \$150,000 to benefit Open

Hand. On April 27th, diners across Atlanta will have more than 100 participating restaurants to choose from to enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner, making this an ideal time to visit an old favorite or try something new! For a full list of participating restaurants, visit <http://www.DiningOutforOH.org>. More dining destinations are being added everyday.

For more information, go to <http://www.DiningOutforOH.org> or call 404-419-3333.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011

Valentine's Day Ideas - Part 2

Escape to Château Élan for a Romantic Valentine's Weekend

Want to have a romantic escape to France – without ever leaving the state? Château Élan Winery & Resort in Braselton is offering a Valentine's-themed getaway with several packages at the Inn or Spa, with a four-course Valentine's dinner menu or dinner buffet included. Enjoy your own specially labeled bottle of wine, a red rose on guest pillows at turndown and breakfast for two the following morning.



Festivities include watching the “Foods of Love” cooking demonstration in the resort’s culinary studio, a romantic candlelit wine tour and tasting and a relaxing day at the spa with newly renovated couples’ luxurious treatment rooms, featuring dual showerheads, massage beds and Jacuzzi tubs. Guests can take advantage of a White Chocolate Rendezvous for two in one of the new Spa Couples Suites, leisurely walks along the resort’s serene nature trails and a variety of dining options at one of the resort’s restaurants. In the evenings, enjoy live music and some alone time in a spacious deluxe guest room at the 16th century-style chateau.

www.chateauelan.com

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011

Amuse'um!

Amuse'um 2011: Imaginopoly – Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta's eighth annual fundraising event – will take place at the Museum on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

At Amuse'um 2011: Imaginopoly, guests dressed in "playground chic" attire will jump inside a board game as they are sent to and bailed out of a VIP jail, try their luck at chance raffles, play casino games, savor theme-inspired fare by Soiree Catering and Events, and dance the night away on a game board dance floor to live music by Yacht Rock Revue! Silent and live auctions will provide excitement that lasts late into the evening while supporting the Museum's mission. All proceeds from the evening support the non-profit Museum's educational programming and outreach.

Dedicated Museum friends, Molly and John Jamieson will serve as Amuse'um Co-Chairs. John Jamieson is a Museum Board Member and Senior Vice President of Retail Operations for Georgia Natural Gas. Shayla Keough Rumely will be honored for her community leadership in education and the arts in Atlanta.

"We couldn't be more excited about chairing Amuse'um this year. Supporting Atlanta's only children's museum is the best way to enrich the lives of our children and all of the children in our community by giving them the opportunity to learn through play," said Molly B. Jamieson, Amuse'um Co-Chair.

"What an honor it is to be able to recognize our honorary chair, Shayla Keough Rumely, for all of her contributions to the community which echo the mission of the Museum."

Patron Co-Chairs are Anne and Steve LaMastra and Liz and

David Bruce. Corporate Support Co-Chairs are Chris Reynolds and Rod Hennek. Auction Chairs are Alesha Thomas Adwar, Kelly McDonald, and Janell Wood. BigKids (young professional volunteer group) Chairs are Mike Irvin, Courtney Davis, and Janell Wood. Entertainment Chair is Sarah Williams. Public Relations Chair is Mara Maddox. BigKids Public Relations Chair is Becca McWaters. Special Advisors are Staci and Matt Brill.

Amuse'um 2011: Imaginopoly is presented by Georgia Natural Gas.

The Museum's goal is to raise \$205,000 and over 500 guests are expected to attend the event.

Tickets for the event are \$130 and are available online at <http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org/support/amuseum>.

Availability is limited and the event is expected to sell out.

For information about tickets, how you can get involved in Amuse'um 2011: Imaginopoly, becoming a corporate sponsor or patron of Amuse'um, or making a donation to the Museum, please contact Laura Halad at 404.527.5908 or lhalad@childrensmuseumatlanta.org.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011

Torch Gala, January 22nd, 2011

Georgia Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) will host its annual Torch Gala to raise money for a worthy cause on Saturday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at InterContinental Buckhead in Atlanta.

Chaired by Bonnie and Neil Negrin, the Torch Gala is a night of dinner, dancing, celebration and recognition. Torch Gala 2011 benefits CCFA's medical research,

patient education and support services in its mission to cure and prevent Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Individual Gala reservations are \$300 each; to make reservations, contact Amy Suiter at 404-982-0616 or asuiter@ccfa.org.



(L-R) Steven Godman, Volunteer Leadership Award, Shanti Sitaraman, Premier Physician Award, Larry Fussell, Board of Trustees Chairman, Marcia Greenburg, CCFA Southeast Regional Director, Edwin Rothberg, Citizen of the Year and Renee and Sam Werbin, Honorary Chairpersons

The annual Torch Gala is an elegant dinner dance that recognizes and honors the commitment and service of extraordinary individuals in the community. This year's CCFA honorees include Citizen of the Year Edwin S. Rothberg, Elvin C. Price Volunteer Leadership Honoree Steven G. Goodman and Premier Physician Honoree Shanthi V. Sitaraman, M.D. "CCFA wants to recognize the individuals that are pacesetters for philanthropy," said Marcia Greenburg, Executive Director, Georgia Chapter of CCFA. "The commitment of our honorees to the community and CCFA makes it our privilege to recognize **Edwin Rothberg, Steve Goodman and Dr. Shanthi Sitaraman** for their extraordinary efforts."

The event is the largest single fundraiser of the year for the Georgia Chapter, raising over \$5.1 million dollars to date to support CCFA's mission critical programs.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

Ready For Love?

Shhh! The St. Regis Atlanta is sharing a delectable secret this Valentine's Day, exclusively for couples. It may not be the official secret of love, but we guarantee it's just as juicy...



St. Regis Atlanta Wine Room

The L'Amour Burger. It was created for a certain set of lovebirds and although it's still not available on the regular menu, The St. Regis Atlanta is offering this divine item by request only, for couples only, in honor of Valentine's Day. Featuring seared Kobe beef burger, pickled red cherry chutney, and fois gras shavings atop a chocolate brioche, The L'Amour Burger is arguably the South's most satisfying aphrodisiac. Couples can indulge in the burger of love, available for \$28, at Paces 88 American Bistro or privately through in-room dining. Remember, by request only throughout February 2011.

Couples looking to further satiate their hunger for romance are invited to experience the Rejuvenation with Remède Package, which includes an overnight stay in luxurious accommodations at The St. Regis Atlanta, \$200 spa credit to be used at Remède, and complimentary valet parking. Valentine's Day package rates start at \$475 for one night, offering a savings of 30 percent. Booking code SPAPKG.



Empire Suite Bedroom

For singles, The St. Regis Atlanta is also the perfect spot for singles this Valentine's Day, where Love Potion shots will be available at a

special Love Potion Shot Station, making available ladies and gentleman all the more irresistible! Available for \$10 from February 11-14, The Love Potion shot includes Ketel One Vodka, fresh strawberry and cranberry juices, Godiva liqueur and rose petal garnish. Drink up singles, it's time to find love!

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Design the Perfect Nursery with Carousel Designs



Carousel Designs launches “Version 3.0” of its popular Nursery Designer to Help Parents Create the Bedding of Their Dreams

Carousel Designs, a contemporary and trend-setting leader in the baby bedding industry for more than 22 years, announces the launch of

“Version 3.0” of its popular Nursery Designer, the company’s unique interactive design tool. The new version will offer expectant parents more options than ever before for designing and decorating their nursery.

The Georgia-based Carousel Designs is the only baby bedding company that allows parents to design their own crib bedding, see it online, and choose other elements of the nursery to preview the room before making a purchase.

With the Carousel Designs Nursery Designer, customers can mix and match fabrics and component styles, change the color of the nursery walls, choose a crib finish and pick flooring to design a

virtual nursery. An expanded range of crib colors and flooring options is offered with Nursery Designer Version 3.0, allowing for customers to experience a more accurate visualization of their nursery.



In celebration of the Nursery Designer 3.0 launch, Carousel Designs will soon announce a Design-Your-Own-Baby Bedding (DYOB) contest. Contest entrants will have the opportunity to use the new Nursery Designer tool, choose from the company’s 300-plus fabrics and design their “dream” crib bedding set. The designer with the most votes will win their “dream” baby bedding.

In addition to offering custom baby bedding, Carousel Designs offers more than 100 pre-designed crib bedding collections. Also available: Mini/portable crib, cradle, toddler, twin and full/queen bedding, along with coordinating nursery décor, including lighting, furniture, rugs, musical mobiles, pillows, diaper stackers, wall art, draperies, rocking chair pads and valances.

From its start as a small family business in 1988, Carousel Designs has grown to become an award-winning national online retailer and trusted brand of premium baby bedding, twin bedding and home décor. Jonathan Hartley continues the family tradition of ownership as CEO with his business partner, Allan Sicat, president. The two dads of young children are both graduates of the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., and are U.S. Army veterans. Hartley and Sicat take special pride that all Carousel Designs baby bedding products are proudly made in the USA.

More info: www.babybedding.com.

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