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## Event Announcement

### ***An Evening in Magical Madrid is this Friday Night***

*The adults-only annual fundraiser will be full of food, fun and flamenco*

**Denver, CO**— On Friday evening, hundreds of philanthropic party-goers will gather on the plaza at the Children's Museum of Denver to celebrate 38 years of creating, playing, exploring, discovering and learning, all with a Spanish flair.

Honorary Chairs, **Kim Van Deraa and George Karl** and Event Chairs, **Merrill Smith and Jenna Stapleton**, along with nearly 100 community volunteers have spent months creating the most whimsical fundraiser in town. The much anticipated adults-only party, set for this **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**, will be full of surprises and fun festivities.

The party is set in beautiful Madrid highlighted with classic Spanish cuisine, Flamenco dancers, and a raffle trip to Spain. The evening will be complete with heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, auctions, entertainment and dancing under the stars with local funk band, Funkiphino.

Some of the much-anticipated live and silent auction items include exclusive Nuggets packages donated by George Karl and Kim Van Deraa, getaways to British Colombia, Hawaii and Ballyneal Golf & Hunt Club, a stay with Exclusive Resorts, private dinners and wine collections, home furnishings and more.

The Museum's 38<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash, *An Evening in Magical Madrid*, will follow *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf, giving guests a glimpse into the childhood story of the peaceful bull who loved to sit and smell the flowers under his favorite cork tree.

#### **Raffle ~ Win a trip for 2 to Spain**

The package includes Business class airfare for 2 into Madrid, a 6-night stay at Hotel Fuentes de Lucia in the mountains of northern Spain, a \$500 Visa gift card and a \$150 gift certificate to Rioja restaurant in Downtown Denver. Raffle tickets are \$25 each, 5 for \$100 or 11 for \$200.

#### **Birthday Bash Ticket Prices**

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| Junior (34 and younger) | \$100 |
| Individual              | \$150 |

For ticket purchases or questions please call Lisa Andersson at 303-561-0104 or visit [www.mychildsmuseum.org](http://www.mychildsmuseum.org).

The annual adults-only party is expected to attract over 550 guests, representing philanthropic corporations, organizations and individuals throughout Colorado. Money raised supports the Museum's educational efforts, program supplies, exhibit development, community outreaches, and sponsored admissions. Last year, the Birthday Bash raised nearly \$250,000 through the generosity of the community.

**Thank you to our Birthday Bash sponsors!**

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**About the Children's Museum of Denver**

Since its inception in 1973, the Children's Museum of Denver has been a place that ignites and fosters a great love of learning. Our mission is to create a community where children and their grownups learn through play.

The Museum provides rich play experiences and a dynamic learning environment to help young children prepare for their future. The Children's Museum of Denver is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that relies heavily on the support of Museum friends.

The Children's Museum of Denver is located at I-25 and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (exit 211), in the Platte River Valley. For more details about the Museum, and its programs and events please visit [www.mychildsmuseum.org](http://www.mychildsmuseum.org).

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