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Art In My Back Yard a Big Success

THE HIT SHOW "BUY LAND!"—Art In My Back Yard's third gallery exhibition—closed on October 30 after a successful one-month run. Several hundred neighbors and art lovers from around the city visited the gallery to see the painting, sculpture, photography, and video of 10 local artists over the course of the show. Highlights included the opening night, which featured the music of jazz trio **Pink Monkey**, a talk by local landscape designer **April Bayne**, and a visit by an after-school program and their high school mentors.



AIMBY organizers Johanna Zorn, Liz Mills, and Jackie Kazarian with artist Chris Novak at the opening exhibit on October 2. Chris Novak's video was featured in the show.

The AIMBY organizers are grateful to **Dave and Gloria Lasley** of L-Technology Enterprises and **Nebojsa Nicketic** of R & B Plumbing & Construction for allowing the rent-free use of their beautifully renovated storefront at 4201 N. Elston.

Look for L-Tech's new professional computer maintenance and care business, called PC/Mac, which is opening soon in the space. The artists and organizers are also grateful to **Jackie Kazarian**, AIMBY founder and artistic visionary.

Art In My Back Yard sponsors cultural programs, exhibitions, and events

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**REMINDER: No November meeting.
See you December 15
at the WWCA General Meeting
and holiday party!**

November 18 • 7 p.m.
Beat 1723 CAPS meeting
17 District Police Station Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski Road

November 24 & 25 • 6:30 p.m.
November 26 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thanksgiving Dinner
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner Avenue.

November 30 • 9 a.m.
Chicago Park District Winter 2010
Program online registration begins

December 6 • 4 p.m.
Family celebration of music and stories
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner Ave.

December 12 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
West Walker Holiday Art Invitational
Irving Park Lutheran Church gym
4057 N. Harding Ave.

December 13 • 3 p.m.
Sing-Along Messiah
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding Ave.

December 15 • 7:30 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting and
Holiday Party
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

Mondays through December 21
10 a.m.—Preschool story time
11 a.m.—Lapsit program (for children
3 months to 2 years old)
Independence Park Branch Library
3548 W. Irving Park Road

*You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>*

Dear Neighbor,

PLEASE BE SAFE. This seems to be a very troublesome time in our neighborhood. There are more frequent reports of scam artists, assaults, robberies, and gang activity in recent months than we have seen for a long time.

One local police officer feels there are various reasons for this increase. As it relates to gang activity, one reason is seasonal. Traditionally, gang recruitment starts at the beginning of the school year. As part of the process of joining a gang, a prospective member must prove his or her allegiance by completing some task to prove their obedience and commitment. It could be a robbery or a battery or a theft or some other task. Historically, there is always an escalation of violence and an increase in tagging at this time of year.

The poor economy has also probably played a role. People who previously weren't involved in crime because they had a job or a little more money are turning to theft and scams to stay afloat.

The West Walker Civic Association is looking at ways to better record and report all types of crime to our CAPS representative or other responsible authorities. Once a system is in place, we will post information in the *Wire*.

In the meantime, and in addition to anything done by the WWCA, individuals and blocks should do all they can to keep crime activity down. If in doubt, walk with a friend rather than alone. Don't put yourself in places or circumstances where you are alone and out of sight. Don't answer the door if you don't know who is there. If someone approaches you or tries to get into your home, call 911 and alert the police to the suspicious activity. Do the same if there are groups of strangers standing on your block or hanging out in cars. You know your neighbors. If people don't belong and are up to no good, have the police move them along. If you see tagging or gang signs, paint over them (on your property) or call 311 to have it removed.

The city also encourages the use of "block clubs" to share information and organize reporting. If your block has not organized a block club but would like to do so, log onto www.chicagopolice.org for resources or contact our CAPS organizer, John Eischen, at john.eischen@chicagopolice.org.

As always, anyone concerned about any of these issues should attend our local CAPS meeting. The next CAPS Meeting for Beat 1723, which covers all of West Walker, is Wednesday, November 18 at the 17th District Police Station in the Community Room.

These are just a few ways to protect yourself, your property, and your neighborhood. With everyone's help, we can only make things better.

On another note, thank you to Julie Capps for stepping in as our new ad sales coordinator. If you'd like to place an ad in the *Wire* please contact Julie at julie.capps@sothebysrealty.com.

Mike Webber, President

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

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Submit ideas and text to:

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WWCA General Meeting Minutes

From October 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. President Mike Webber introduced the board members present. The September minutes were approved as presented in the October issue of the *Wire*.

Chris Sauve, recycling coordinator for the City of Chicago, spoke about recycling and the environment. Currently the city is on hold with new neighborhood recycling rollouts. Forty-five Streets and Sanitation truckers were laid off in July. Yard waste is the biggest challenge for collections. Mr. Sauve suggested that people recycle old plastic bags at CVS, Tony's, and Walgreens. He also said that Earth911.com is an excellent resource to find recycling locations for specialized items, such as electronics, hazardous items, automotive, and more.

Michelle Kaicener, WWCA green coordinator, reported that Weatherization Fairs are no longer being held around the city. Instead project teams will help train people to install weatherization kits, which include fluorescent bulbs, door stops, a sealer roll, and more. (For more information see her article on page 7.)

Presenter Josh Jones, from the Department of Health, is not only a neighbor but also a medical director for tuberculosis control. With the appearance of the H1N1 virus, he is currently working on getting information and vaccinations out. If you get vaccinated, he said, you will either not get the flu or you'll get a very mild version of it. According to Mr. Jones, if you are 65 and older you should get the flu vaccine each year. Vaccination clinics will be at the city colleges (except Malcolm X) on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-8 p.m., starting Saturday October 24 through November 19.

Les Kniskern, a board member of TRAC (Tax Reform

Action Coalition), spoke about their current undertakings. If you have questions on the Tax Reform Act, you can contact him at 773.339.5915

The treasurer reported that the current balance in the WWCA checking account is \$1,597.44.

There is an open forum for Deb Mel's advisory board. Roberta Bole will attend the November 3 meeting regarding the library.

The Pulaski Elston Business Association (PEBA) will hold its annual holiday party fundraiser on November 18 at Monastero's Ristorante, 3935 W. Devon Ave.

The Art in My Back Yard exhibition had a successful opening on October 2, with about 150 to 200 people in attendance. The *Chicago Tribune* published an article about AIMBY.

Laura Ell reminded folks about the Halloween Fest, featuring music, crafts, and games for kids and adults. A donation for the food pantry was requested.

The landlord of 4033 N. Harding has initiated a lawsuit to remove the tenants from the building. The court date is November 2. Officer Spatafora reports that it could take up to two or three months for this to resolve. The landlord has filed formal eviction proceedings and there has been a summons issued to the tenants.

Irving Park Carlson Ministries announced that on Saturday, December 12 it will host a Holiday Art Invitational from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, and on Sunday, December 13 a Sing-Along Messiah at 3 p.m. in the church

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Chicago Park District Winter 2010 Program Session Dates

Program information available for viewing online:
Monday, November 16

Online registration begins:
Monday, November 30 at 9 a.m.

In-person registration at most parks begins:
Saturday, December 5

Online registration ends:
Sunday, January 3, 2010

Program sessions run the weeks of:
Monday, January 4 - Sunday, March 21, 2010

CAPS Report

by Pam Austin

“CRIME ALERT”—this subject line in an e-mail always gets everyone’s attention and is often forwarded many times to spread the word about recent activity. What about your neighbors who don’t have a computer or don’t use e-mail on a regular basis? Talk to them—the more people aware of what’s going on, the more likely the offenders will be caught. There seems to be an increase in crime in the West Walker area and we all need to work together to put a stop to it.

Many residents from the 4000 block of Harding attended the CAPS meeting on October 21, expressing their frustration and concern about the continued gang activity on the block. In the past month the police have increased their patrols and surveillance of the area, resulting in 12 contact cards, five arrests, and one traffic offense. Tenants in one of the buildings where most of the disturbances were reported have been evicted and are expected to move out by November 1.

Several landlords of properties in the West Walker area were present because they realize their responsibility to the neighbors. However, as one resident stated, “There needs to be an effort to let West Walker landlords know that they have a duty to the neighborhood and alert them to tenants who have had the police called on them, and disturb the neighborhood.” If there is suspicious or illegal activity at a rental on your block, call the landlord. The police will only contact the landlord if a crime is committed on the property.

Always call 911 anytime you see someone or something suspicious—no incident is too small. If you suspect gang activity, ask the dispatcher to relay the call over the in-car computers and not over the radio. Many gangbangers use scanners and disperse as soon as they hear the call go out.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood (Sept. 21 - Oct. 21, 2009):

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Motor vehicle theft | 6 |
| Theft \$300 and under | 5 |
| Robbery | 4 |
| Battery | 3 |
| Criminal damage to vehicle | 3 |
| Non-criminal, lost property | 3 |
| Burglary (unlawful entry) | 2 |
| Theft \$300 and over | 2 |
| Criminal damage to property | 1 |
| Deceptive practice | 1 |

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Have a CAPS issue?

You can submit concerns to CAPS online at <https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath>. Then, on the left-hand side, click “Report a concern about an issue affecting your neighborhood.”



39th Ward Report



Dear Neighbors:

Autumn is here and that means leaves are falling. If leaves fall on the parkway in front of your home or on your property, you are responsible for their removal (burning is not permitted). Please rake and bag the leaves. Do NOT rake the leaves into the street, because it clogs water drains and street sweepers. When the grates are blocked, rain water and melting ice and snow cannot drain from the street.

The circus is coming to town! Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has provided discounted vouchers for

39th Ward residents. The discounts are for performances at the Allstate Arena (Nov. 5-15) and the United Center (Nov. 18-29). With the voucher, you receive \$5 off the ticket prices on weekend performances. Please stop into my 39th Ward Service Office to pick up the discounted vouchers.

The Montrose Avenue water main replacement project is well underway and running on schedule. I know this project has caused some inconvenience to West Walker residents, but when complete, it should help with the flooding that we've experienced in past years.

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 27 for a city reduced service day. I wish you a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

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featuring artists, writers, and performers from the northwest neighborhoods of Chicago. Its name plays off the phrase "Not In My Back Yard," or "NIMBY," and refers to an effort to encourage people in the community to support and learn about art and local artists. AIMBY was founded by the West Walker Civic Association in 2007.

For more information, contact Jackie Kazarian at jk@jackiekazarian.net or www.artinmybackyard.com. Donations to AIMBY can be written to West Walker Civic Association, c/o Liz Mills, 4115 N. Harding Ave., Chicago, IL 60618.

Art In My Back Yard events and programs are made possible through the donations and efforts of the following individuals and businesses:

- Heather & John Aitken
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Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed from October 1 through October 31 appears below.

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Yearly Membership Dues: Effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010

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Notes from St. John's Episcopal Church

A Time to Give: Thanksgiving Day Dinner

We are welcoming volunteers to prepare and serve St. John's annual Thanksgiving dinner, a free, home-cooked, sit-down dinner for 100. All ages and abilities welcome but please RSVP for a time: Tuesday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m.; or Thursday, November 26 (sign up for a time between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.). Call 773.725.9026 or e-mail stjohschicago@aol.com. You are also welcome to come to dinner at 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Hope in Hard Times—A Family Celebration of Music and Stories

Join us on Sunday, December 6 at 4 p.m. for an afternoon of great music and stories, including the real

story of St. Nick! He'll be sharing how he brought hope in hard times. There will be treats for the children and a festive dinner following the hour-long celebration of story and song. Please come and receive this gift from us!

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner Avenue.

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Low-cost Weatherization Project

IN THE PAST couple of years the City of Chicago has given away low-cost home weatherization kits to help people manage their winter energy bills. This year, instead of having kits at Weatherization Fairs around the city, we are setting up teams of volunteers to hand out kits, train folks to install the materials, and measure the success of the installations by completing an installation survey.

The project has three objectives:

1. To make sure folks understand how to use the materials in the kits.
2. To make sure people are getting real benefit from the kits, and not just storing them away in the basement or garage.
3. To see which items people are actually finding useful to improve the content of future kits.

This year's kit includes the following materials in a reusable, fabric shopping tote:

- Flexible caulk cord weatherstrip
- Insulating vinyl foam tape
- Clear poly sealing tape
- Outlet insulator pads
- Low-flow faucet aerators
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Door sweeps
- Children's coloring book

I'm still looking for volunteers to train folks and help distribute kits and complete installation surveys. If someone needs assistance installing items from the kit, you may be asked to help out.

Please e-mail me if you'd like a kit or want to help. There's no charge for the kits, but there is a limit of one per household, and you need to be a City of Chicago resident. Single family homes, condos, and apartments all qualify.

I will have a limited number of kits, so let me know as soon as you can if you'd like one. I expect them to arrive by about the third week in November, and they need to be installed and surveys completed and returned to the city by December 11.

Thanks, and stay warm!
Michelle Kaicener
greenwestwalker@gmail.com

Website of the month: www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/save_energy.html

Irving Park Community Food Pantry Preps for Holiday Drives

THE FOOD PANTRY is planning two holiday distributions, one prior to Thanksgiving and one prior to Christmas. Our goal is to provide our clients with all the ingredients for a full holiday dinner. To do so, we are in need of these non-perishable food items: Canned yams, stuffing mixes, instant mashed potatoes, canned pie fillings, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned soup.

Monetary donations will help us purchase certificates that will allow families to buy a turkey to complete their Thanksgiving meal. Donations can be sent to 3801 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago IL 60641 or via our website at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.com.

Upcoming Events

On December 16, the Pantry will be hosting its Annual Toy Distribution to brighten the holiday season for more than 500 children, up to 12 years old. Please donate an age-appropriate new toy. We are also accepting donations of gloves, hats, and scarves. We cannot accept other clothing donations due to space restraints.

How to Help

Bring your holiday food, toy, or clothing donations to Irving Park Methodist Church's Grace Street entrance during regular church business hours.

Pantry FAQs

Who we help: We serve individuals in 60641 and 60618 west of Kedzie. Clients receive three days of emergency food and are eligible to come in once per month.

Pantry statistics: Year-to-date statistics show a 28 percent increase in people seeking assistance. This September we served 1,929 people in 672 households (a monthly record and a 33 percent increase from last September).

Hours: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday

Express Food Stamps: We are one of only two sites in Cook County where eligible clients can apply for and receive an Express Stamps card on the same day. This program is only available to residents of 60641 and 60618.

To donate food: Donations of non-perishable food can be dropped off during regular business hours at the Irving Park United Methodist Church at Grace and Keeler.

To donate money: Please send checks to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry at 3801 N Keeler. You also can donate through our secure website at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.com.

To volunteer: Call, e-mail, or stop by the Pantry during service hours on Wednesdays to fill out an application.

News and Events from Irving Park Carlson Ministries

Irving Park Fine Arts Council Presents "Sing-Along Messiah," Sunday, December 13

The Irving Park community is invited to lend its voices to the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's Sing-Along Messiah on Sunday, December 13 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature a chamber orchestra, professional soloists, and two choirs—the Irving Park Lutheran Church Chancel Choir and the Lutheran Choir of Chicago, conducted by Roger L. Bingaman and Wilbert O. Watkins, respectively. The audience will be invited to sing the Christmas portion of George Handel's famous 1742 oratorio. The program will also include a Christmas carol sing-along. Whether you're a novice singer or a pro, your voice is welcome!

The concert will be held at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Avenue. Admission to the concert is free of charge, though a free-will offering may be made. An informal reception with the performers follows the concert.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 16th season, was begun by Roger L. Bingaman, director of music at

Irving Park Lutheran Church. The intent of the series is to bring high-quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood.

Future concerts in the series are a musical performance of "Charlotte's Web" for children on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 10 a.m., and a program to be announced on Sunday, April 25, 2009 at 2 p.m.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee receives funding from Irving Park Carlson Ministries, a community service 501c3. The mission of Carlson Ministries is to serve the community with a variety of outreach efforts, including fine arts.

West Walker Holiday Art Invitational to Be Held December 12

Whether you're just starting your holiday shopping or looking to finish up, you'll find plenty to choose from at the West Walker Holiday Art Invitational. The sale of one-of-a-kind items will be held Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, 4057 N. Harding (Harding at Belle Plaine). Admission to the sale is free.

More than 15 artists will offer handmade jewelry, ceramics, recycled textiles, ornaments, screen-printed linen soft goods, art books, photography, letterpress cards, paintings, handmade stuffed animals, dolls, and more.

The brainchild of West Walker artist Sarah Steedman, who did a smaller scale show in 2008, the Holiday Art Invitational is a fundraiser for the Magic After-School Place (MAP). Proceeds from table sales and a drawing featuring the works of Invitational artists will go to MAP, which provides area school children with safe passage from school to the program, homework help, a nutritious snack, and recreation.

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Update on the Independence Park Bungalow Renovation Project

by Lynda Olander

Community Meeting

On September 8, the architects with Bailey Edward Architecture took us through a very exciting presentation detailing the many facets to this project. At the conclusion of the meeting, we all left knowing that our years of perseverance will pay off. This renovation to the Bungalow



Historical photo of the Independence Park Bungalow from approximately 1936.

with its focus on green building initiatives will serve as a national model. The scope of the project includes but is not limited to:

- Repairing/restoring clay tile roof
- Restoring windows and doors
- Providing all new mechanical systems for energy efficiency
- Upgrading electrical service, lighting, plumbing, and architectural finishes that meet the Chicago Historic Bungalow guidelines.

By utilizing leading-edge green technologies, this renovation will achieve a rating of three stars in the Chicago Green Homes Program.

Fundraising

The community signed on to raise \$200,000 for this project. Following the 2008 Fine Wine and Cheese Party, we had attained a total of \$48,000 from our various fundraisers. Through the efforts of our State Rep Deb Mell, we received a grant in the amount of \$100,000 as part of the state capital improvements bill, putting us at \$148,000. (An update on the 2009 Fine Wine and Cheese Party held on November 7 will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Wire*.)

Follow Our Progress

New to our website is a link on the home page called "Follow Our Progress." We intend to update this link often. In October, a section containing Frequently Asked Questions was added to this page. Please log on to www.greenbungalowproject.org for current information. Periodically, we will include photos of our project in the Gallery section.

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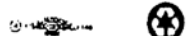
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Disney II Magnet School Updates

Academic Successes

Disney II Magnet School is one of a few public schools that offers an

“extended day.” This means that Monday through Thursday, Disney II students are in school for one extra hour compared with nearly all other Illinois students. Disney II students receive 25 extra days of learning a year!

Magnet School Applications

The application period for magnet, selective enrollment, and gifted schools and programs began Thursday, October 1 and ends Friday, December 18. Applications can be obtained in the “Options for Knowledge” guide books and online at www.cps.edu. Call the Office of Academic Enhancement at 773.553.2060 with questions.

Early Childhood Education Applications

Preschool-For-All applications and tuition-based preschool applications are available in the office. Spots in the tuition-based program are first-come, first-served.

St. Edward School and Parish News

Boy Scout Pasta Dinner, November 21

A Boy Scout pasta dinner will be held in the gym (4343 W. Sunnyside Ave.) on Saturday, November 21. The event will run from 4-8 p.m. Come out for a nice meal!

Christmas Wreath Sale, November 28-29

A Christmas wreath sale will be held at St. Edward after all masses on November 28-29.

Santa’s Breakfast and Cookie Walk, Dec. 13

The annual St. Edward Christmas Cookie Walk and Breakfast with Santa will be held December 13 in Buckley Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious

pancake breakfast, pick up some home baked treats, and browse the various gifts available that are perfect for Christmas! For more information, call St. Ed’s at 773.736.9133.

Happenings at St. Viator

BINGO at St. Viator Open to the Community

BINGO is held every Wednesday night at St. Viator’s Gym (3644 North Kedvale at Waveland). Doors open at 5 p.m. and BINGO begins at 7 p.m. Anyone who brings either three Campbell’s UPCs or three Box Tops for Education logos receives a free sheet for a fast-paced game of BINGO at intermission.

Bake Sale

Purchase a pie, cake, or cookies for your Thanksgiving meal at a bake sale sponsored by St. Viator eighth-grade class on Sunday, November 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school hall (enter on Kedvale).

Open House Saturday, January 30, 2010

Please join us at our open house on Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Immediately following the open house you may join us for mass at 5 p.m. as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

For additional information on St. Viator Elementary School, visit www.stviatorchicago.org, or for information on St. Viator Parish, please visit www.stviatorparish.org.

Park View Lutheran Church and School News

Park View Lutheran Church and School is excited to announce our new after-school program, which will feature a theater arts program. It is open to children from kindergarten through sixth grade. After school, the children will have a snack, get homework done, and then participate in the theater arts program. Action for Children is accepted. For more information, check out our website: www.parkviewlutheran.org



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West Walker Civic Association Treats Neighborhood Kids



THE WEST WALKER CIVIC Association celebrated fall with its annual Halloween Party and Fall Fest on Saturday, October 31 at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym.

Following a costume parade, kids and parents were treated to crafts and games, raffles, music, and refreshments. Kids Dance led the "Monster Mash." Donations of canned food were also collected for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry.

Thanks to everyone who help organize the fabulous event: Laura Ell, MarySue Witchger, Tarin Kendrick, Tara McKee, Theresa Rasmussen, Ellen Darnieder, Helen Lira, Liz Mills, Dorie Westmeyer, Laurie Gardner, Dave Knickerbocker, Beth Tidmarsh, Anne Marie O'Kelley, Amy Sobin, Sarah Steedman, and Chuck Riggles and Kelly Panzke from Kids Dance.

Thanks to our friends and supporters who generously donated wonderful prizes: Tara McKee and NBC5; Congressman Mike Quigley, 5th District Illinois; Steve and Tarin Kendrick; Cheryl Lombardo; Kids Dance, 4100 N.



Pulaski; Arabesque Dance Studios, 3703 N. Elston; Zebda Restaurant, 4344 N Elston; and the Irving Park Lutheran Church for the use of their gym.

Raffle prize winners were:

Elliot Graziano—four tickets to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus (courtesy NBC5)

Sam Lubbat—\$25 gift certificate to Zebda Restaurant, 4344 N. Elston

Beth Tighe—Five classes for adult belly dance lessons at Arabesque Dance Studio, 3703 N. Elston

MarySue Witchger—a one-night stay and water park passes for six at Chula Vista Theme Resort, Wisconsin Dells (courtesy NBC5)

Kirsten Gettings—a one-night stay and water park passes for four at Key Lime Cove, Gurnee IL (courtesy NBC5)

Amy Sobin and Diane Whalen—two gift certificates for one month of free dance lessons donated by Kids Dance

Max Sawyer—a Halloween treat basket for kids



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