



Building Bridges to Brighter Futures

The Children's **LAW** Center

Annual Gala

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024
at Farmington Gardens

Tonight's Host

Renée DiNino

Host of *Hello Connecticut* and *Amazing K9 Duos*

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Try Our Signature Drink!

Savory
Bright



Live Auction

Max's Oyster Bar Unique Wine Dinner for Six (6)

- Wine dinner for 6 at Max's Oyster Bar in West Hartford, CT
- Includes a specially designed menu created by Executive Chef Matt Burrill, with wines hand selected to accompany each course
- Chef's menu may be modified to accommodate your needs and preferences
- Not valid Saturday evenings or holidays
- Cocktails, tax and gratuity not included

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Live Auction

Vermont 2025 Winter Getaway Five (5) Night Stay

- Waterfront, log-style home with a wraparound deck on Sadawga Lake in Vermont
- Home has a large, open concept great room, a dining area, and kitchen.
- Nearby hiking and VAST snowmobile trails.
- Short drive from the Harriman Reservoir (~2 minutes away), Wilmington (~14 minutes away), Mount Snow ski resort (~25 minutes away), and Berkshire East ski resort (~28 minutes away).
- Historic downtown Wilmington offers shops and an array of restaurants.

Terms & Conditions:

- Three-bedroom property has 1 king bed, 2 queen beds, 3 queen-size pull-out couches, ping pong table, Weber propane grill, stove, oven, fridge, microwave, coffee maker, Keurig coffee maker, iron, ironing board, panini press, toaster, rice cooker, slow cooker, colander, pots, pans, plates, glasses, wine glasses, dish washer, and utensils
- Internet/Wi-Fi
- Expires November 21, 2026
- Blackout dates: May 15 through September 15, 2025, December 29, 2025 through January 2, 2026, and January 16 through January 20, 2026.



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Live Auction

Two (2) Tickets to The Lion King with Backstage Passes & Scar Meet & Greet

- Two tickets to the breathtaking Broadway production of “The Lion King”
- Join Simba, Nala, and the rest of the pride on an unforgettable journey of self- discovery and adventure.
- Award-winning musical features stunning visuals, unforgettable songs, and a powerful message that resonates with audiences of all ages.
- Behind the scenes for a glimpse into the artistry and craftsmanship that bring this beloved story to life!
- Special meet-and-greet, including photo opportunity, with Scar
- Terms & Conditions: Show date based on availability.



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Live Auction

Two (2) Night Getaway at Ocean House Resort

- Escape to the stunning Ocean House for two nights
- Luxurious coastal retreat perched high on the bluffs of Watch Hill, Rhode Island
- Stay in a beautiful Deluxe King Room with breathtaking ocean views.
- Breakfast for two included each night
- Memorable dining experience with a gourmet dinner for two at the resort's renowned restaurant, Bistro, accompanied by a bottle of house wine to enhance your meal.

Terms & Conditions:

- Certificate valid October through April, subject to availability.
- Excludes holidays and holiday weekends.
- Reservations cannot be made more than 30 days in advance.
- Certificate must be redeemed by December 30, 2025.

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Live Auction

Royal Mauian Kihei Hawaiian Paradise Seven (7) Night Stay

- Seven (7) night stay in a two bedroom, two bathroom contemporary condo at the Royal Mauian in Kihei, Maui
- Includes an ocean front pool and a rooftop patio with views of the ocean, mountains, sunset, and surrounding islands
- Beautifully decorated and air conditioned
- Condo is fully-equipped with the amenities of luxury living
- Available May 1 through September 30, 2025 subject to availability
- For an additional cost and subject to availability:
 - May be booked January 1 through April 30, 2025 and October 1 through December 31, 2025
 - Additional days may be added



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Live Auction

Royal Mauian Kihei Hawaiian Paradise Ten (10) Night Stay

- Ten (10) night stay in a two bedroom, two bathroom contemporary condo at the Royal Mauian in Kihei, Maui
- Includes an ocean front pool and a rooftop patio with views of the ocean, mountains, sunset, and surrounding islands
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Justine Rakich-Kelly

Executive Director

Justine has been with The Children's Law Center for 23 years, growing the organization from a non-profit in its infancy to the statewide organization it is today.

A big milestone this year was her granddaughter's wedding!





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\$1,000

pays for three days in court negotiating or making an argument in a child's best interest, and three mediation sessions in the Families in Transition Program.



Fund a Kinder Day

\$500

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Families in Transition Program.



Fund a Kinder Day

\$250

pays for a day in court, negotiating or making an argument in the child's best interest.



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and get to know our child client.



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