



MCGAW YMCA

gala

JANUARY 20, 2024

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WELCOME

Welcome to the McGaw YMCA Annual Gala 2024! We're excited to have you join us tonight as we celebrate the theme "Nurturing Our Roots," highlighting the resilience and vibrancy of the Evanston community. This year's gala is dedicated to the relationships that have shaped the YMCA in Evanston for over 138 years, aspiring to cultivate a community where everyone can thrive.

Your presence and support tonight contribute to our ongoing efforts to provide essential programs and services to the Evanston community. Every donation received stays local and plays a crucial role in responding to emerging needs in education, housing, and community wellness.

Your continued support ensures that our YMCA remains a welcoming space in Evanston for centuries to come — a place where community can thrive and where all people matter.



We hope you enjoy the food, entertainment, and inspirational moments that underscore the importance of being rooted in our community.

With Gratitude,

Monique Parsons
President/CEO
McGaw YMCA

Every gift nurtures every program at McGaw YMCA.

Instructions for donating, bidding, buying raffle tickets

Prepare from your phone. Guests who purchased tickets and have checked in are already entered into AES, our online auction system. From your smartphone simply click on the link you were sent via text and you will automatically be logged in and can start bidding! Or, go to aesbid.com/MCGAW23 or scan the QR code to launch the system. Then, enter the bidder number you were provided at check-in and start bidding, or if you do not have a bidder number click the "Register" option.

Donate. To make an online donation, launch the auction system with your smartphone. Click "Donate" and select desired amount. To donate in person, find a staff member at registration or at the raffle table!

7:00 PM

WELCOME

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
Performance by S.O.U.L. Creations
Food Stations Open

8:00 PM

PROGRAM

Welcome
Lynn Ryan, Gala Committee Chair
Mark Metz, Board Chair

Remarks

Monique Parsons, President/CEO

Live Auction & Raffle Winners Announced

Bernard Rocca, Camp Echo Executive Director
Sarita Smith, Board Vice Chair

8:30 PM

MUSIC & DANCING

Featuring DJ Corey Bless
Food Stations & Bars Re-Open

10:00 PM **THANK YOU!**

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Bid on Live Auction Items. Launch the online auction system. To place a bid on an item, select the item and enter your Maximum Bid or Exact bid. Tap "Confirm" button to place your bid. Your maximum bid will allow the system to bid against other bids until your specified amount is surpassed. Your Exact bid makes the bidding start from that amount. **Winners will be announced by 8:30 p.m.**

Buy Wine Raffle Tickets. Launch the auction system with your smartphone. Click on "Raffle" and select desired amount: 1 ticket for \$25 or 25 tickets for \$100. To buy tickets in person, to donate in person, find a staff member at registration or at the raffle table. **The winner will be announced by 8:30 p.m.**



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online auction and donation system

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