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THE HOUSTON JUNIOR FORUM IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ITS 4TH THE CITY MARKET

The Houston Junior Forum (HJF) is excited to announce its 4th annual The City Market, a highly anticipated fundraising event in support of the organization's two primary initiatives: the College Scholarship Program and the Community Grants Program which fosters work of aspiring students and empowers those dedicated to bettering the Houston Community.

Taking place at POST Houston on April 11 and April 12, The City Market promises to be a vibrant celebration of community, education and philanthropy. Attendees can anticipate a fun shopping event with a variety of curated vendors, raffles and special ticket events. The ticketed events include Friday's Shop 'n' Sip party of wine and nibbles. Or rise and shine Saturday morning for Bubbles and Brunch. For more information on the fundraising event and special ticket events go to www.thecitymkt.org.



KREWE DE CAMP FOR ALL GALA RAISES MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION

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Local Nonprofit Hosted Fabulous Carnival Celebration

Camp For All, a nonprofit that transforms the world for children and adults with challenging illnesses, disabilities or special needs through barrier-free experiences, hosted its Krewe de Camp For All Gala on January 25 at The Revaire. The sold-out gala welcomed nearly 600 guests and successfully raised over \$1.2 million for the mission of Camp For All. Co-Chairs Heather and Paul Palmer and Rickie and Stacy Duke spearheaded the grand celebration, which featured inspiring testimonies from Camp For All campers, a silent auction, a wine pull and an exciting live auction. During the thrilling auction, the winning bid of \$40,000 purchased the fantastic Kentucky Derby Package. Additionally, former camper Austin Hanson's artwork sold

for \$10,000, bringing a huge smile to his face. The evening honored Karen and Mike Odegard and The Hamill Foundation, who have made an indelible impact on thousands of campers and their families.

Funds raised during the gala go toward helping Camp For All welcome the nearly 9,000 campers that visit its 206-acre campsite each year. Working in partnership with more than 65 other nonprofit organizations, Camp For All enriches the lives of children and adults with challenging illnesses or special needs and their families. Since 1998, the organization has empowered more than 190,000 campers, helping them realize their challenges do not define them. [Learn more at campforall.org](http://campforall.org).

WINTER BALL TAKES FLIGHT TO SUPPORT CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION

The 2025 Winter Ball, held at the elegant Houston Omni, soared to new heights as it celebrated distinguished honorees and raised a remarkable \$575,000 to benefit the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. Themed "Up, Up, and Away," the evening captured the spirit of hope and determination through its vibrant palette of blues, coral, and gold, beautifully brought to life by Blooming Gallery.

As you step into the Winter Ball, you are immediately enveloped in a sense of grandeur and legacy. A breathtaking hallway of honor showcases 38 years of Women of Distinction, each display telling a story of remarkable achievements and dedication. Gittings was on-site once again to immortalize this year's honorees with the official Women of Distinction class portrait.

Chaired by Elizabeth DeLuca and Lauren Gow, the evening welcomed 270 attendees who shared moments of joy, inspiration, and solidarity. Guests were treated to an atmosphere of lightness and elegance, with hot air balloon motifs symbolizing the resilience and upward journey of those living with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

The "Up, Up, and Away" theme served as a poignant reminder that with support and unity, even the heaviest burdens can be lightened. Thanks to the generosity of attendees and sponsors, the funds raised will fuel research, education, and patient support programs, propelling the Foundation's mission forward.



For more information please visit <https://onecau.se/2025winterball>