

Shine

APRIL 18, 2026 | FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CHICAGO



WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for our 48th Annual Benefit Gala! We depend on this event to support critical therapy services for infants and children with developmental delays and disabilities.

We will celebrate the many achievements made possible at Easterseals. Every day children are working hard to reach their goals and meet new milestones.

Your participation supports the *shining* achievements that transpire at Easterseals every day.



WHEN & WHERE

Saturday, April 18, 2026
Four Seasons Hotel Chicago

6pm Cocktails and Silent Auction Opens
7:30pm Dinner, Program, Live Auction & Paddle Raise
9:30pm Dancing to Chicago Catz

Valet Parking is available at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago located at 120 E. Delaware Place, Chicago.

Self-parking is available in the 900 North Michigan building. Entry at 45 E. Walton or 911 N. Rush.



HONORING

Rich Howe
2026 Crystal Pillar Recipient

Rich Howe has captured the heart of our events through photography for the past eleven years. He has also dedicated six years of participation in our Photography Exhibition, capturing photos of client's that are displayed at our centers. Rich's photos tell stories and we recognize the time, effort, and talent he contributes for Easterseals.

Brad Serot & Yes We Can Cycling Team
Alviti Changemakers



Brad Serot & the Yes We Can Cycling Team including, Ian Murphy, Kevin Collins, Isaac Chinwalla, Andrew Najem, Andy Halik, Michael Berger, Chris Powell, Carson Boneck, Adrian Jaronczyk, Chris Connelly, Eric Nixon, Dylan Nixon, Lianna Nixon, Todd Hankinson, Chris Sczymancyk, Casey VanCampenhout, and Kayla Nixon.

Their extraordinary partnership has helped us provide critical services for children with epilepsy, developmental disabilities, and cerebral palsy through their annual fundraising during the Triple Bypass Race and upcoming SBT GRVL race.



THE GUEST LIST

Sponsoring a table or hosting guests?

Your email receipt and event reminders will include a custom link to update guest names and cell numbers* for your table.

**A cell phone number is requested for each guest as a unique identifier for check-in the night of gala. We will be in touch to confirm your registration and collect your guests' information.*

Attending as a guest? Your place is set! Look for an email or text to confirm your contact information and set up an account to participate in the auctions and paddle raise.

AUCTION ITEMS

Prizes include fantastic vacations, exclusive golf packages, sports tickets, concert packages and more!

> How do I register to bid? All ticket holders have access to our auction. View and bid with your email or text link.

> Not able to attend this year? You can still bid on all silent auction items by registering with the link below.

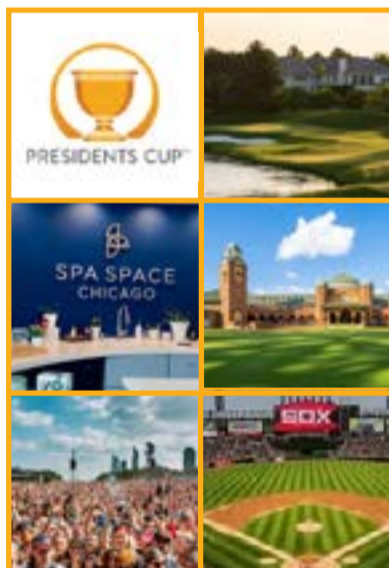
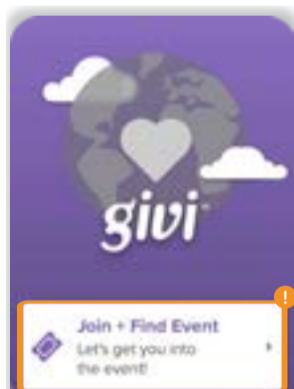
Bidding ends April 18 at 8:45pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

secure.qgiv.com/event/esgala26

> For the best auction experience, we recommend you bid from your mobile device using the Givi app. You can start bidding in the app in a matter of minutes using the steps below.

- 1 On the Givi login screen, tap **Join + Find Event**.
- 2 Enter your email. Then tap **Find Event** and use the search bar to find the auction.
- 3 Tap **Enter Auction** and then tap **Register**.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Special Guest

This year, we are honored to welcome **Sarah Spain**, Emmy & Peabody Award-Winning Sports Journalist as our Gala Emcee and Special Guest.

• Photo Booth

Be sure to capture your gala look at our photo booth in the lobby. Photos are sent immediately to your phone!

• Music by Chicago Catz

The Chicago Catz's vocalists are next level, and their musical quality has made them one of the most sought-after bands in Illinois.



WHAT TO WEAR

We are so excited to celebrate with you!

Dress code ranges from cocktail dresses and suits, to ball gowns and tuxedos.



[CLICK TO VIEW EVENT PHOTOS](#)



FOOD & DRINK

We will continue our tradition of happy hour with open bar and heavy appetizers, dinner prepared by an award winning Michelin chef, and decadent dessert.

Menu options will feature your choice of beef, fish or a vegetarian dish (upon request).

Scroll down to view a detailed menu.

Dietary Restrictions? Other questions?

Contact Trisha Buries at 630.282.2031 or tburies@eastersealsdfvr.org

Menu

Appetizers

Brie, Pear & Almond Purses, Apricot Chutney

Mini Beef Wellington, Mushroom Duxelles,
Horseradish Cream, Chive

Citrus Poached Shrimp, Dill Remoulade,
Crispy Capers

Salad

Salad Lyonnaise

Grilled Asparagus, Vital Farm Egg, Watercress, Curly Endive,
Bacon Lardon, Truffle Vinaigrette

Choice of Entree

Pan-Seared Beef Tenderloin, Red Wine Jus

Creamy Black Truffle Potato, Brussels Sprouts Leaves,
Blistered Tomato

Fennel Pollen Roasted Halibut

Sweet Corn Potato Ragout,
Crispy Sweet Potato, Chili Oil

Vegetarian

option available on request

Dessert

Dessert Trio

Strawberry & Cream Pavlova, Yuzu Lemon Tart,
Hazelnut Financier, Red Velvet Pops

Coffee & Tea

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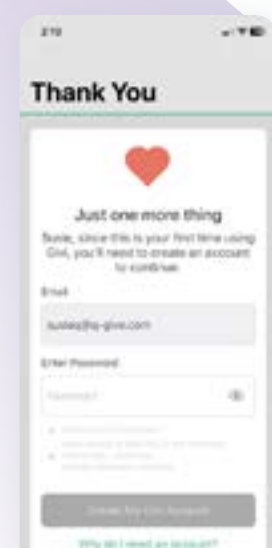
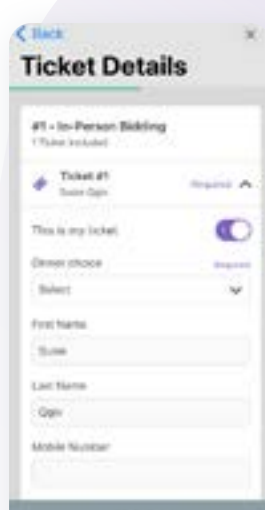
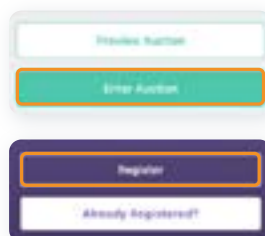
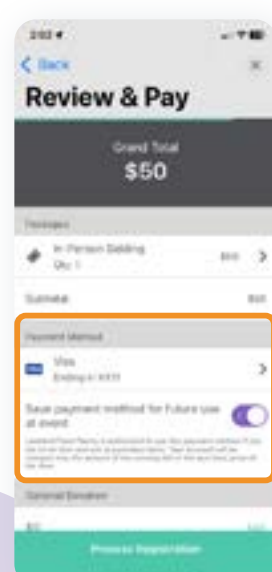
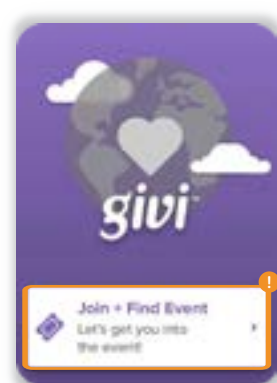
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4 Select your Ticket Package and Add ons (if available). Then, enter your **Contact Information**, review your **Ticket Details**, and answer additional questions. If you're inviting guests, you'll add their details on this screen as well.

5 Add a **Payment Method** and decide if you want to save the payment method for use during the auction.

6 Set up your auction account by creating a password.

7 Confirm your payment method and allow notifications to enter the auction.



+ And that's it! You can now browse and bid on items. +
+ **Happy Bidding!** +