



For more than 80 years The Children's Museum has been one of Connecticut's most respected educational resources - a leader in bringing science and nature awareness and education to children. Last year, The Children's Museum's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala raised over \$225,000 to support our outreach programs and exhibits. Organizations and people like you were instrumental in raising this amount – through donations to our live and silent auctions.

On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, The Children's Museum will hold its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, *A Child's World*, at the beautiful Tumble Brook Country Club in Bloomfield, CT. Anticipation is already in the air as we expect 300 community leaders, friends of The Children's Museum, and corporate sponsors to attend.

**We need YOUR help to reach our goal.** This year, we're continuing an exciting feature – a wall of wines! Our guests will purchase a chance to choose from a wall of 200 wines valued between \$15 and \$500. We are hoping that you will be able to donate one or several bottles to help us provide a unique assortment of wines. The proceeds from your item will directly benefit children around the state, by bringing them to The Children's Museum and our Roaring Brook Nature Center and by bringing us to their schools, PTOs and community programs.

Enclosed, please find an auction donation form, as well as information on the event. Once we receive the completed form we will make arrangements, as needed, to pick up your item. You will be recognized in our program book and receive a letter of thanks for your generous donation.

Thank you for your support of *A Child's World* and The Children's Museum.

Sincerely,

Enclosures



## Event Summary Information

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Event:	A Child's World, The Children's Museum 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gala
Date:	Saturday, April 30th, 2011
Location:	Tumble Brook Country Club 376 Simsbury Road Bloomfield, CT
Time:	6 – 7:30 pm: Sponsor/ Patron Reception/ Silent Auction 7:30 – 10 pm: Dinner & Live Auction
Cost:	Patron Tickets \$250 per person; Guest Tickets \$150 per person; Corporate Sponsorships available starting at \$2,500
Summary:	A fun evening to support the Museum's education and outreach programs, with specialty cocktails, delicious food, Science Fair Midway, silent and live auctions, and our unique animal sponsorships.
Celebrity Emcees:	Laurie Perez & Jim Altman, FOX CT
Entertainment:	Science Fair Midway
Ticket Contact:	Robin DeBerry, Development Associate 860.231.2830 x23 rdeberry@TheChildrensMuseumCT.org

**Deadline for inclusion  
in our Gala program  
is April 8, 2011.**



950 Trout Brook Drive  
West Hartford, CT 06119-1437

***A Child's World - Gala 2011***  
Saturday, April 30, 2011

**Wine Wall Donation Agreement**

*(Please send or fax to Robin DeBerry at 860.232.0705)*

Company/Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donor's Valuation of Item: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete description of donation:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Exact wording of program acknowledgment (i.e., "donated by XYZ Co.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will item need to be picked up? \_\_\_\_\_

This donation becomes the property of The Children's Museum and will be offered for sale at auction. Proceeds will help support The Children's Museum's educational programs.  
Thank you!

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(For Auction Committee Use Only)*

Date Form Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Form Complete? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Live/Silent/Wine: \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Bid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Increments: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick Up Info: \_\_\_\_\_