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ASK Above & Beyond Gala Raises Unprecedented Support for Children Battling Cancer in Virginia

Richmond, VA — March 19, 2024 — ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation is thrilled to announce a triumphant achievement following the spectacular ASK Above and Beyond Gala: A Night of Wonder, held on Saturday, March 17, 2024, at Main Street Station. This year's Gala surpassed all expectations, setting a new record in support of families battling childhood cancer across the state of Virginia.

The Gala, themed "Night of Wonder," transcended into an enchanting evening filled with magic and marvel. Guests were captivated by extraordinary performances and heartwarming tales illustrating how their generosity has supported countless children battling cancer and their families throughout the Commonwealth.

From the moment attendees stepped into the Gala, they were warmly greeted by inspiring young survivors, providing a poignant connection to ASK's mission. These courageous survivors shared their stories firsthand, underscoring the profound impact of community support facilitated by ASK.

A significant highlight of the evening was the remarkable generosity of Jeff and Kelly Davoud, whose generous match ignited a wave of support. ASK extends heartfelt appreciation to the Gala and Development Committees, led by Leslie Armstrong, Chrystal Oley-Graybill, and John Waters, whose dedication ensured an unforgettable experience for all.

Gratitude is also extended to the event's show-stopping sponsors, table captains, and dedicated volunteers, including the invaluable contributions of presenting sponsors, The Old Dominion Group and Ourisman. The evening's success was further enhanced by the exceptional emceeing and auctioneering talents of Kevin Pauley, and the vibrant ambiance brought to life by Mosaic Catering & Events, Classic Party Rentals of Virginia, and AV Productions.

The most memorable highlight of the night was meeting and hearing from the Yonce family, particularly ASK Kid Gavin Yonce, who is 11 years old and was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, a form of bone cancer, in his right leg last July. Before his diagnosis, Gavin Yonce was a very active 11-year-old who enjoyed playing baseball, swimming, and spending time outdoors with his friends. Gavin's diagnosis put his active lifestyle and passions on hold while his "normal life" was turned upside down. Treatment became isolating, but Gavin remained resilient with the

support of his family, the ASK community, and ASK employees like Katie Barber, Child Life Specialist, Jon Longenecker, Education Support Navigator, and Rev. Rich Catlett.

Jenny Yonce, Gavin's mother, expressed the profound impact ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation has had on their lives, stating: "When I think of ASK, I think of relationships. They've become our community. No one wants to live in this world, but once you're there, you need the support, and you need to be able to lean on people...There's power in knowing you're not the only one, and that is what ASK gives [Gavin]."

The heartfelt words of Gavin's mother captured the essence of the support, community and camaraderie ASK provides families fighting childhood cancer. The act of kindness and generosity that followed her remarks was nothing short of spectacular.

The final act of the evening, raising \$3 million, in support of families like the Yonce family "exemplified the unwavering commitment and dedication of ASK's community of supporters helping to make life better for children with cancer. Together, we made the impossible possible, and achieved a remarkable milestone that will provide support to children battling cancer and their families across Virginia," expressed Amy Godkin, Executive Director of ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation, with heartfelt gratitude and emotion.

For more information about ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation and its ongoing initiatives, visit www.askccf.org.

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About ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation:

ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation is committed to improving the lives of young cancer patients and their families across Virginia. Through extensive programs and unwavering support, the Foundation aims to create a sense of community, connection, and respite for children battling cancer and their families.