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LOCAL CELEBRITIES WILL DAZZLE ON THE DANCE FLOOR

*Children's Miracle Network Host Dancing For A Miracle
to Raise Money for Oklahoma's Pediatrics*

OKLAHOMA CITY (July 8, 2010) – Be prepared to be dazzled by local celebrities as they come together to support Children's Hospital Foundation to compete for the "2010 Children's Miracle Network Dancing for Kids Star" award at the upcoming Dancing For A Miracle gala evening.

Dancing For A Miracle will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown, One Park Avenue.

Tickets to this black tie event are \$125 a person or \$1,000 for a table of 10.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction. At 6:30 p.m. dinner will be served. The celebrity dance-off takes place at 7:30 p.m. with music and dancing to follow.

Competing for the "2010 Children's Miracle Network Dancing for Kids Star" award will be Alli Dial, Children's Miracle Network 2008 Oklahoma Champion Child; Kayne, Project Runway Designer; Scott Hines, the defending "2009 CMN Dancing for Kids Star" and KFOR Channel 4 Reporter; Jessi Stone, Magic 104.1 Radio Personality; Mike Turek, Owner of Old Germany Restaurant and Shereka, a Thunder Girl.

To win the "2010 CMN Dancing for Kids Star" award the celebrity dancers must have the most votes or donations from the public. The public can vote for their favorite dancer online at www.okchf.org and at the event.

Also in attendance will be Masters of Ceremony Jessica Schambach, KOCO Channel 5 Co-Anchor and Randy Earhart, Chairman and CEO of Taco Mayo Franchise Systems, Inc. On hand to talk about their experiences will be CMN Miracle Children Fiona Rendon, Shea Retherford and Brock Hart.

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Before his first birthday, Brock was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in October 2009. He finished his first round of chemo at the end of October, but during that time he developed a bacterial infection in his blood and ended up in the PICU. While there he developed a hole in his lung and needed a chest tube. During the procedure to put the chest tube in, the doctors found that Brock had a serious fungal infection that had invaded his entire body. Brock spent over seven weeks in the PICU before he was well enough to resume his chemo treatments needed to combat his cancer. He still has the fungal infection in his lungs, liver, kidney, spleen and both eyes.

“Dancing For A Miracle helps raise money to help find cures for children like Brock,” said Landi Thompson, Dancing For A Miracle Committee Chair. “These precious kids want nothing more than a normal life. The way our local stars and citizens rally together to help Oklahoma’s kids makes me extremely proud.”

Special entertainment at Dancing For A Miracle will include live music performed by Oklahoma Rodeo Opry sensations, Kyle and Amanda Earhart. Also Rumble, the OKC Thunder Mascot will be making a special appearance.

All money raised for the event will stay in Oklahoma to provide Oklahoma’s children with the finest medical care through Children’s Hospital Foundation, an affiliate of Children’s Miracle Network.

“Dancing For A Miracle is a unique opportunity for local celebrities to participate in friendly, but fierce competition to raise money for Oklahoma's sick kids,” said Thompson. “The quality of the dancing was amazing last year, and the support from the community was outstanding. It is one of the most entertaining black-tie events I have attended, and most importantly, we were able to raise money for all of Oklahoma's miracle children.”

Making the evening possible are local sponsors who continue to support CMN: The Schwan Food Company, Hal Smith Restaurant Group, OIPA, ICx Nomadics, OU Physicians, Sandridge Energy, Pete and Barbara Brown, Chickasaw Nation, Cornerstone Home Lending, E & J Gallo Winery, First Mortgage, Central Oklahoma American Indian Health Council, Inc., Bossa Nova/Café De Brazil, Dan Grounds Videography, FedEx Office, KFOR TV4, Marriot Hotels of OKC, Randall Designs, Smith Dryden Promotional Products, Taylor Made Photography, The Sweet Life, Cuppies and Joe, Harpe’s Dance, Inc., King’s Limo & Jet Service, Picture This Photography, Scardein Salon, Tom’s Formal Wear, Floral and Hardy, Foster’s Flowers and Gifts, Madeline’s Flower Shop, New Leaf Floral and Tony Floss Flowers.

For tickets, to vote for your favorite dancer in advance or for more information about Dancing For A Miracle, please go to www.okchf.org or contact Alisha at 405-271-9035.

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ABOUT US: Children’s Hospital Foundation is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization in Oklahoma founded in 1983. Children’s Hospital Foundation, through its volunteer board and vast community support, has funded pediatric research, education and clinical care programs to improve the care of Oklahoma’s most critically ill and injured children. For more information, contact Executive Director, Kathy McCracken at 405.650-1718 or visit our website: www.okchf.org.