GALA of HOPE

CHICAGO LIGHTS GALA OF HOPE 2027

Saturday, March 6, 2027 | 5:30–11:00 p.m.
The Geraghty | 2520 South Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608

2027 Sponsorship Opportunities For Individuals and Families






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The Invitation

Come Together. Create Brighter Futures.

Each year, over 350 friends of Chicago Lights gather for the Gala of Hope—an elegant evening of connection, celebration, and generosity in support of Chicago youth and adults.

For more than 60 years, Chicago Lights has brought people together to create opportunity through supportive relationships and life-changing programs.

The Gala of Hope is one of the most important nights of the year for that mission—and its success has always been made possible by individuals and families who choose to step forward as donors, Patrons, and table hosts.

Whether you join us as a guest, make an additional Patron gift, or gather friends and family around a table, your generosity helps Chicago Lights build brighter futures for thousands of people across our city.



Local Impact



Over 350 Guests



Meaningful Difference



More than $700,000 raised annually

Your Impact

Your Generosity Creates Opportunity

Chicago Lights' story began in 1964, when Fourth Presbyterian Church and residents of the former Cabrini-Green community came together to create what became the Tutoring program.

In 1991, Chicago Lights became an independent 501(c)(3), and today, approximately 3,000 youth and adults each year participate in programs that build relationships, expand opportunity, and help people pursue their goals.

- **60+ YEARS** building brighter futures in Chicago
- **60,000+** youth and adults served since 1964
- **3,000** people reached each year
- **4-STAR** Charity Navigator rated

One Mission + Four Programs = Build Brighter Futures



Tutoring
One-to-one tutoring and mentoring, meals, enrichment, and scholarships support students' academic and personal growth.



Urban Farm
A working farm in the heart of the city provides fresh food, youth learning and employment opportunities, volunteer engagement, and community programming.



Summer Day
Academics, arts, and enrichment help students continue learning, exploring, and growing throughout the summer.



Social Services Center
Food, clothing, housing support, case management, and other resources help adults work toward greater stability and their individual goals.

Deep Roots. Broad Community.

Chicago Lights has called Michigan Avenue and Chestnut Street home for more than 60 years. Our longstanding relationship with the Fourth Presbyterian Church community connects Chicago Lights with a deeply engaged network of volunteers, donors, families, and friends, while our programs and partnerships bring together people from across Chicago.

Opportunity grows when people invest in one another.

Find Your Place at the Table

Ways to Participate

The Gala of Hope is a celebration of what becomes possible when people come together around a shared commitment to Chicago.

Opportunity	INDIVIDUAL TICKET	PATRON	BENEFACTOR	HOST TABLE	PATRON TABLE	PREMIER PATRON TABLE
Investment	$500	$1,500	$2,500	$5,500	$7,500	$10,000
Hospitality	1 guest	2 guests	4 guests	10 guests	10 guests	10 guests
Placement & Recognition	Standard seating	Patron recognition	Preferred seating + Benefactor recognition	Standard placement + Table Host recognition	Preferred placement + Patron recognition	Premier placement + prominent Leadership Patron recognition

PATRON — $1,500: Celebrate with purpose.
Enjoy the Gala with a guest while making an additional philanthropic investment in Chicago Lights. Patrons receive two Gala tickets and recognition as part of the Gala Patron community.

BENEFACTOR — $2,500: Make a greater impact.
Attend the Gala with three guests while making a meaningful contribution beyond the value of your experience. Benefactors receive four Gala tickets, preferred seating, and enhanced recognition.

HOST TABLE — $5,500: Bring your people together.
Gather 10 friends, family members, or colleagues around your table and introduce them to an evening that celebrates Chicago Lights and the people who make its work possible. Includes 10 Gala tickets, standard table placement, and recognition as a Gala Table Host.

PATRON TABLE — $7,500: Turn your table into an investment in brighter futures.
Host 10 guests while making a meaningful philanthropic contribution beyond the Gala experience. Includes 10 Gala tickets, preferred table placement, and recognition as a Gala Patron Table Host.

PREMIER PATRON TABLE — $10,000: Lead through generosity.
Demonstrate leadership support for Chicago Lights while bringing 10 guests together for Gala of Hope. Includes 10 Gala tickets, premier table placement, and prominent recognition as a Gala Leadership Patron. Recognition is subject to commitment and applicable production deadlines.

Leadership and Community: Your Place in the Gala Community

The Gala of Hope has always been strengthened by people who choose to do more than attend.

Our Patrons, Benefactors, and table hosts bring friends together, introduce new people to Chicago Lights, and inspire generosity throughout the Gala community.

Individual and family supporters are recognized by name, reflecting the personal nature of their philanthropy.

Depending on giving level, recognition may include:

- Printed Gala invitation
- Gala website and digital communications
- Gala program and event recognition
- Chicago Lights Annual Report

Leadership Giving

For individuals and families who wish to make an even greater investment in Chicago Lights, leadership Gala gifts of $25,000 and above are welcomed.

Leadership commitments may include customized hospitality and recognition reflecting the significance of the donor's generosity.

Please contact us to discuss a meaningful way for you or your family to participate.

Help the Gala of Hope Reach $1 Million

Building on the Gala's strong history of raising more than $700,000 annually, we are setting an ambitious goal of $1 million in 2027.

Every ticket, Patron gift, table sponsorship, leadership commitment, and contribution made during the Gala helps Chicago Lights continue providing supportive relationships and life-changing opportunities to Chicago youth and adults.

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Come Together.
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Your place at the Gala of Hope is more than a seat at the table.

It is an investment in relationships, opportunity, and a stronger Chicago.

We hope you will join us.

Scan QR code to become a sponsor today.









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Commit to sponsoring the 2027 Gala of Hope by December 1, 2026, to ensure that your name appears in Gala of Hope printed materials.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (exactly as it should appear in print):

_____

Address:

_____

_____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

SPONSORSHIP

Yes! I/We would like to be a 2027 Gala of Hope Sponsor at the following level:

- ❒ **INDIVIDUAL TICKET**
- ❒ **PATRON**
- ❒ **BENEFACTOR**
- ❒ **HOST TABLE**
- ❒ **PATRON TABLE**
- ❒ **PREMIER PATRON TABLE**

❒ Contribution Only. I/We are unable to attend and have enclosed a gift of $ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

❒ Enclosed is a check made payable to Chicago Lights (Tax ID: 36-3786331)

❒ Please invoice me

❒ Please charge the following credit card:

_____ _____ / _____ _____

Credit Card Number | Expiration date | CVV

_____ _____

Name on Card | Signature

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