

# PURPOSE & Party



The Festival of Children Foundation representatives are (from left) Inge Thornton, Jan Jacoby, Founder and Executive Director Sandy Segerstrom Daniels, Cassidy Taylor, Noah McMahon, Tanya Stephens, and Tim Cadiente. All photography by Paolo Cascio.

## Carousel of Possible Dreams

7TH ANNUAL EVENT AT SANFILIPPO ESTATE RAISES \$142,000 FOR 5 CHICAGO-AREA CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

THE 7TH ANNUAL Carousel of Possible Dreams—Chicago has raised \$142,000 to help fund the specific individual needs, or dreams, of five local children's charities (see below). Created and produced by Festival of Children Foundation (FOCF) in partnership with the Sanfilippo Foundation, the event was held at the Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills on Saturday, October 6, with more than 250 guests in attendance. Sponsored by KARMA Chicago, the evening featured live performances by student musicians and dancers from the Chicago Academy for the Arts, estate tours, a cocktail reception, and test drives for guests in the new luxury, electric-powered KARMA Revero.

"This year's Carousel of Possible Dreams at the

Sanfilippo Estate was truly a magnificent event, raising \$142,000 for five outstanding local children's charities," said Sandy Segerstrom Daniels, founder and executive director of the Festival of Children Foundation. "We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our hosts and partners, the Sanfilippo family, and our guests and beneficiaries, who add meaning to everything we do."

The event is quite unique as it serves as a central fundraising effort to amplify and optimize fundraising efforts for each charity. Following six weeks of peer-to-peer fundraising, local civic, business, and philanthropic leaders representing each charity climbed aboard the "Eden Palais," a spectacular 19th century European Salon carousel meticulously restored by the Sanfilippo family.

As they rode the carousel up to 50 times around each, guests pledged donations to help the charities reach or surpass their individual fundraising goals. This year, the dreams of the five participating charities included:

**Barrington Children's Charities:** To provide food for 150 Pre-K and Kindergarten children at Barrington's Early Learning Center who may otherwise have little or no food to eat on weekends during the school year.

**The Chicago Academy for the Arts:** To provide a full scholarship through the Young Men's Dance Initiative, which provides scholarship support to selected elite-level male dancers who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend the Academy's life-changing program.

**SOUL Harbour Ranch Animal Therapy Program:** A mini-bus to transport more therapy animals and volunteers to children and their families at hospitals, schools, libraries, and homes for the disabled within the Barrington community.

**Spirito! Singers:** To provide music education and training for 100 Ragazze Singers for one year. The youth choral group starts formal music training in the Ragazze Ensemble for 5th- to 8th-grade girls.

**Turning Pointe Autism Foundation:** To create new classrooms for students in need of their best practice environment to learn.

FOCF is a national non-profit organization based in Orange County, California, that serves and supports nearly 500 children's charities across the country. To date, the initiative has raised \$4 million to fund 188 high-impact programs for children's charities across the United States.

To learn about the Festival of Children Foundation, visit [FestivalofChildren.org](http://FestivalofChildren.org). For inquiries to KARMA Chicago, visit [KarmaofChicago.com](http://KarmaofChicago.com), or call Rich Margaritondo or Anna Kielich at 847-904-1233. Learn more about the Sanfilippo Foundation at [SanfilippoFoundation.org](http://SanfilippoFoundation.org).





Turning Pointe Autism Foundation Executive Director Carrie Provenzale, Board President Howard Weiss, and Board Member Jennifer Wood.



SOUL Harbour Ranch Animal Therapy Program members (from left) Jan Sebald, board member; Gerry Diegel, treasurer and board member; Jodie Diegel, president; and Joyce Baker.



Tom and Darby Hills, founders of Barrington Children's Charities.



Executive Director of the Sanfilippo Foundation Greg Leifel with Mary Jean Adkins, executive director of Spirito! Singers.



Chicago Academy for the Arts Head of School, Jason Patera; Chair of Music, Rose Collela, and Chair of Dance, Randy Duncan.



KARMA Brand Manager Anna Kielich, with KARMA Product Specialist Rich Margaritondo and Anne Marie Margaritondo.



KARMA Revero Product Specialist Bill Morse.

