

Children's Circle of Care

Event Architects produced Luncheon and Gala events for the Children's Circle of Care 2006 Leadership Conference in May 2006. Children's Circle of Care is a national honor society including over 4,000 benefactors and 22 Children's Hospitals across the United States. The mission of the program is:

to advance philanthropy that supports patient care, teaching, research and advocacy through education and recognizing leading benefactors to participating children's hospitals. Those who join Children's Circle of Care become members of an exclusive and growing network of benefactors, who, through their generous support, are changing the face of pediatric care and ensuring its accessibility to critically ill children and their families.

The Children's Circle of Care Leadership Conference celebrates their most generous donors and gathers leaders, philanthropists and researchers in the medical field to exchange information and network. A distinguished leader in such fields as philanthropy, public affairs, health care, or entertainment serves as the honorary chair of Children's Circle of Care. Past honorary chairs have included First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Madame Aline Chretien, and Academy Award-winning actress Mary Steenburgen. The honorary chair for 2006 was Diann Burns, evening news co-anchor from CBS 2 Chicago.

The three-day event began with a menu of 15 custom tours offered to the 1,800 guests and partners. All tours were custom-built and oriented toward the special interests of Children's Circle of Care attendees. Tours were conceived and hosted by Event Architects.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall welcomed guests for a morning breakfast and conference on May 18, 2006. Following the morning conference, guests enjoyed a tented lunch on the North Crown Promenade in Chicago's famous Millennium Park. Docent-lead tours ended a busy day for CCC guests; many participated in tours around Millennium Park or the Loop, Chicago's main financial district which is sprinkled with world-renowned architecture.

That same evening, Circle of Care members dressed up in their best tuxes and gowns for a much anticipated Gala Dinner for 1,800 people at the Field Museum. The founder of Harpo Productions graced the audience with inspiring words, and comedienne Lily Tomlin entertained the crowd. This unique evening also offered guests a much coveted sneak preview of the famed King Tut exhibit, which attracted much media attention. The third day offered a variety of tours and golfing excursions to those who were unable to attend the first day's activities.

