Dare To Be Different

Crossroads Center for Children’s 2020 Annual Gala

SPECIAL THANKS to

DJ Zac Barr for the great music
LeGrande Serras for being our Live Auctioneer
Heather Morrison for being our Emcee
The Country Florist for the beautiful flowers

This program was completed earlier this year.
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I welcome you to our annual Dare to be Different Gala!

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Bid often and generously! There are some great auction items that I know you’ve got your eye on! Thank YOU for attending tonight. I hope you get a chance to talk with someone else about what our school means to them. Everyone’s story is different!

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This evening’s program

Keep your paddle! This is your unique bidding number and how we can keep track of your purchases tonight.

Please tag your social posts  #CrossroadsGala2020 #DareToBeDifferent

5:00 Check in | Cocktail Hour | Wine pull | Silent Auction | Selfie Table | Dancing
6:00 Warm Welcomes & Recognitions
  ▪ Welcome: Heather Morrison, Spectrum News
  ▪ Board Gratitude: Cindy Barkowski, Board President Recognition of E.D. and Gala Committee.
  ▪ Recognition of Staff, Board, Sponsors, Elected officials:
    Kelly Young, Executive Director
  ▪ Autism today: Heather Morrison
6:30 Dinner Stations
7:00 Staff Milestones | Kelly Young
7:20 Introduce Honorees Jessica and Stewart Friesen | Kelly Young
7:45 Live Auction: LeGrande Serras
8:15 Dancing: DJ Zac Barr, Silent Auction continues
8:45 Silent Auction closes
9:30 Check out available: Please go to the table with your paddle, and we will let you know what you have won, and receive your purchase payment. If you are leaving early, we will contact winners in the next few days to pick up items at school.
10:00 Thank you for attending! Please drive safely.
Thank you to all of this year’s Honorary Committee!

Cindy & John Barkowski
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Heather Morrison

BY SPECTRUM NEWS STAFF ALBANY/CAPITAL REGION

Heather Morrison enjoys presenting the Weather on the 1s forecast right here on Spectrum News. You can also hear her forecasting on the radio airwaves 7 days a week for stations across New York state.

Heather knew she wanted to work in the news business from a young age. Being a Capital Region native, Heather is in tune with the change of the seasons. She has endured many long, cold, snowy winters. She also enjoys the colorful autumns, delightful springs and steamy summers around the Albany area.

"The weather here is unique, and unpredictable," she says."It makes forecasting in the Capital Region an exciting endeavor."

Heather began her television career in Michigan, first at WOTV 41 in Battle Creek, then on to WLNS 6 in Lansing where she was both a director and forecaster. Following that, she worked as a weather assistant for UPN 9 in Secaucus, N.J., before she came back to Albany to help launch the areas first 24-hour cable news station.

Heather is a graduate of Western Michigan University where she was not only a student but also a resident adviser and television studio director. Heather then attended the Mississippi State University Broadcast Meteorology Program. Heather has a passion for weather but her biggest love is her family and two wonderful sons.

To all of this, Heather adds the fact that her children benefited from early intervention and now strives to promote autism awareness. Crossroads is fortunate to have her for the second year to help raise money for our school.
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LeGrande Serras, third-generation restaurant owner, opened Reel Seafood Co. of Albany in 1984. His family’s humble beginnings instilled in him the importance of giving back, and for four decades LeGrande has worked tirelessly to support the Capital Region’s thriving arts community and countless human services organizations — whose work empowers the disenfranchised.

Employing his special gift for communication—and some shameless prodding—LeGrande has raised over 24 million dollars as an auctioneer at more than 2000 charity auctions and organizations in the Albany Area.

Since selling Reel Seafood Co. in 2013, LeGrande has expanded his philanthropic efforts. In addition to his many auctioneering gigs, he speaks to the community and professional groups about the critical role that independent businesses play in building a sustainable community.
In memory of Zachary.
Always in our hearts and loved forever.

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Love, Tugg

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Drawn by Caleigh Bartholomew (Joey's sister)
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To prepare individuals with and without developmental disabilities for life success within their family and community.

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