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**Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation Young Professional’s Board to Host Annual**

***Purple Affair for the Bear* at Theater on the Lake on Saturday, January 19, 2019**

**CHICAGO (XX XX, 2018)** **–** The [Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation](https://www.bearnecessities.org/) Young Professional’s Board will host its annual kick off for the New Year fundraiser, [*Purple Affair for the Bear*](https://bearnecessities.secure.force.com/default/CnP_PaaS_EVT__ExternalRegistrationPage?event_id=a2E0H000009u5OvUAI), Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive from 8 p.m. to midnight. All funds raised will aid research to eliminate pediatric cancer and provide hope and support to those touched by it.

[*Purple Affair for the Bear*](https://bearnecessities.secure.force.com/default/CnP_PaaS_EVT__ExternalRegistrationPage?event_id=a2E0H000009u5OvUAI)is co-chaired by **Andrew Touhy and Sarah Jarnac**. Tickets are $100 per person and include food and cocktails. Guests will enjoy a night full of live music by [Sorry for Partying](https://www.sorryforpartyingmusic.com/), dancing and auction items to benefit the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation through research grants for [Bear Discoveries](https://www.bearnecessities.org/bear-discoveries/) and memorable experiences gifted through [Bear Hugs](https://www.bearnecessities.org/bear-hugs/)

Tickets are available online at <https://www.bearnecessities.org/events/young-professionals-board-events/> or by calling (312) 214-1200. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available.

For more information, visit <https://www.bearnecessities.org/> and follow us on Facebook @BearNecessitiesPediatricCancerFoundation and Instagram at @bearnecessitiespcf.

**About Bear Necessities**

Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation was founded in 1992 by Kathleen A. Casey, after losing her son “Bear” to pediatric cancer. Twenty-five years later, the organization is dedicated to eliminating pediatric cancer and to providing hope and support to those who are touched by it. For more information, visit [www.bearnecessities.org](http://www.bearnecessities.org).

**About the Bear Hugs Program**

The Bear Necessities Bear Hugs Program supports cancer patients (ages 0 –19) and their immediate families that face the many challenges that accompany the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric cancer. Bear Necessities outreach serves both in-state and out-of-state children who are being treated at one of 16 Illinois-area hospitals with pediatric oncology departments. A Bear Hug is a customized experience that brightens the life of a child going through cancer. The Bear Hugs Program also provides immediate family support for financial burden and essential needs.

**About the Bear Discoveries Program**

Each year, Bear Necessities awards medical research grants nationwide to junior investigative researchers who make meaningful advancements and discoveries towards finding a cure and therapies for various types of pediatric cancer.

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