



**Caring for Kids Network
Heart of a Champion Gala
April 21, 6:00 PM**



Music Entertainment

Robert Tribitt III and RoJo Crew

Prayer

Pastor Gary Schmitz, Pray KC Executive Director
and CFKN Founder/Board President

Dinner and Video — YOU Have the Heart of a Champion

Video of the amazing support provided by community
partners throughout the Caring for Kids Network

Welcome

Mrs. Porsche Seals, CFKN Executive Director
Ms. Taylor Johnson, KCTV 5 News

Dream Big

Video — A Celebration of Student Dreams Expressed
through Essay, Poetry, and Artwork

School Leadership Impact Award

Ms. Caylee Charlton, Gladstone Elementary School

Faith Impact Award

Pastor Steve Williams, St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Interviewed by Ms. Taylor Johnson, KCTV 5 News

Business Impact Award

Ms. Jen Abercrombie, Jennifer Abercrombie Consulting

Nonprofit Impact Award

Pastor Zack Nicholson, Minding the Gap, IHOPKC
Interviewed by Ms. Taylor Johnson, KCTV 5 News

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Tony Guy
Former KU Basketball Guard
State Farm Insurance

Call for Support

Dr. Mike Reeves, Sr.
New Direction Church

Thank You and Closing Remarks from our Executive Director

Mrs. Porsche Seals

Message from the Executive Director:

I would like to say thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Heart of a Champion Gala a success. First, thank you to the Caring for Kids Network Board for their consistent support of our organization. Second, thank you to the CFKN team for your diligence and perseverance to see this event have great success. Finally, we would like to acknowledge and thank Hope Chapel for providing tonight's venue.



Caring for Kids Network is excited to host our Heart of a Champion Gala in person once again this year and to make a virtual option available. We are celebrating “A Heart of Hope” as we recognize the impact partners are making in our community and the hope-filled dreams of several students selected for their “Dream Big” essay, poem or artwork. Tonight’s event will feature our Heart of a Champion award-winning school, faith, business and civic/nonprofit leaders, nominated by their own partnerships.

We are honored to have Tony Guy as this year’s Gala keynote speaker. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1982 and is listed as one of the top 50 all-time greatest players in KU’s basketball history. A 2nd round draft pick by the Boston Celtics, Mr. Guy went on to play professionally in Switzerland.

Mr. Guy has been a State Farm Insurance agent for over 30 years and is a member of Graceway Church, a Caring for Kids partner in the Raytown School District. He’s currently a member of a small Men’s Bible Study and is a former Sunday School teacher and Men’s Ministry leader. Mr. Guy also is a former Board member of KU Athletic Board, KU Alumni Board, KU Libraries Board, and Salvation Army- Bellefontaine Corp.



Married to Jerri Ann Guy for 38 years, they have 3 adult children and he is blessed to be a grandfather of 5 cool little people.



Emceeding the Gala will be Taylor Johnson, a multi-skilled reporter specializing in multimedia journalism for KCTV5, appearing mostly during the weekday morning show.

Before Kansas City, Ms. Johnson employed her dynamic storytelling abilities as multimedia reporter and weekend anchor for WTWO-TV in Terre Haute, Indiana. While she has left behind her hand warmers and fur-lined coats and traded them in for a more modest wardrobe suitable for the seasons of Kansas City, she brings a passion for community engagement, entertainment, and weather reporting.

When she is not live tweeting during episodes of the Real Housewives franchise, Ms. Johnson enjoys reading a good book, spending time with friends, and Face Timing her niece who lives in Maryland.

Robert Tribitt III and RoJo Crew will provide musical entertainment. Robert Tribitt III was born on the south side of Chicago, IL, into a family of musicians. Growing up in church while his father Robert Tribitt Jr. played the piano, Robert Tribitt III grew to love everything about music. His father also had a gospel group call “Joy Ensemble” in which his mother Evelyn Tribitt sung soprano.



Robert Tribitt III has traveled the world playing in various countries. He’s currently the pianist for gospel singer Lynda Randle, with whom he toured Norway, Grenada, the Cayman Islands, and more. He was the first black gospel pianist to play an acoustic piano in the country of Barbados. He plays for various artists, groups, churches, and events in Kansas City.

Lady Boyd Catering is catering this evening’s delicious Gala meal.

Heart of a Champion Award Nominees

Jen Abercrombie, Jennifer Abercrombie

Consulting

Debbie Buzard, Pastor Adam Mustoe & Ellen
Nelson, First United Methodist Church of
Kearney

Caylee Charlton, Gladstone Elementary

Principal Lori Cooper, M.E. Pearson
Elementary

Edsel Edwards, Millennium at Santa Fe
Elementary

Principal Erica Edwards, Warford Elementary
Mary Fletcher, Southwood Church of the
Nazarene

Melanie Hamilton, Lenexa Baptist Church

Principal Sue Herrera, Truman Elementary

Principal Erica Hoard, Compass Elementary
School

Pastor Rodney Johnson, New Light Christian
Fellowship



Principal Lori Kang, Norfleet Elementary

Principal Phillena Layne, Whittier Elementary

Pastor Zack Nicholson, Minding the Gap &
IHOPKC

Carleigh Peters, Smile Doctors

Catherine (Katy) Seibold, Rising Star
Elementary

Pastor Steve Williams, St. Luke's United
Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Winn, Community Life Church
Moses Wyatt Jr., Grant Elementary

Dream Big Student Award Winners

Essay: Fatou Bintou Seydi, Indian Creek Elementary

Poetry & Sculpture: Tilly Davis, Westridge Elementary

Art: Duab Thao, J.F. Kennedy Elementary

Honorable Mention Art Awards:

Clay Acton, Westridge Elementary

Aylin Menjivar-Lopez, Indian Creek Elementary

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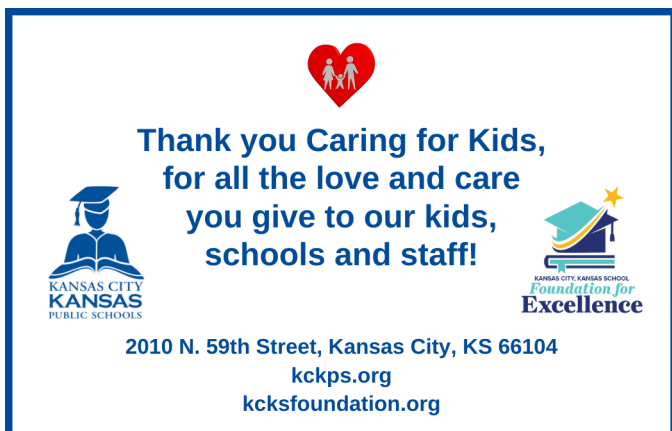
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