



Dream Builders

2026 Annual Dinner

Magic in Motion

Celebrating Children, Families, and Changemakers

Thursday, May 7, 2026

5:30 – 6:30 Reception

6:30 – 8:30 Program

Bridgeport Art Center

1200 W 35th St, Chicago, IL 60609

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Sponsorship Packet

Empowering Families Since 1849

Family Focus is Illinois' longest-standing social service agency. We invest in strengthening families across Chicago and Northeast Illinois to build social capital and achieve upward economic mobility through innovative programs grounded in anti-racism and social justice.

Our History

Our story began in 1849 as the Chicago Orphan Asylum, responding to the cholera epidemic. Over the decades, we evolved alongside Chicago, and in 1949 the Orphan Asylum became Chicago Child Care Society (CCCS), expanding into foster care, adoption, and research.

In 1976, Family Focus was founded by Bernice Weissbourd, Irving Harris, and Delores Holmes. It quickly expanded and became a leader in community-based family support services. In 2021, CCCS and Family Focus united, combining expertise to ensure every family has the tools and resources needed to thrive.

The Family Focus Difference

We serve approximately 20,000 participants annually across 10 neighborhood based centers.

- **Culturally Responsive, Multi Generational Approach:** We support children and caregivers simultaneously to foster long-lasting stability. 93% of our participants identify as Black or Hispanic, and our services are rooted in the specific cultural needs of our communities.
- **Building Economic Mobility:** 85% of those we serve are below the federal poverty level (\$32,150 for a family of 4). We connect families to childcare, housing, job readiness tools, mental healthcare, mentorship, community resources and more, empowering parents as the primary agents of change.

20,000+
people served annually,
representing nearly
6,900 families

2,433
children and their
families reached through
early learning programs

7,500+
parents and caregivers
supported with stability
and healing

1,300+
students from 15 schools
participated in after
school programs

"At one of the lowest points in my life, Family Focus became the support I didn't know I needed. With their help, I was able to provide for my son essentials like clothing and strollers, but also the encouragement and activities that filled his early years with joy. This program gave me strength and community."

- YH, Aurora Home Visiting Participant

Why Your Support Matters: Neighborhood disparities continue to affect access to community resources, employment, education, and healthcare. Our family support programs help ensure that every family has access to tools, resources, and opportunities to thrive; while our early childhood and youth enrichment programs help close the achievement gap, leading to higher graduation rates and long-term earning potential for the next generation.

Join Us: The Dream Builders Dinner is the largest fundraiser for Family Focus – more than 400 guests come together to celebrate our mission and participants, and raise over \$700,000 to support our programs.

Learn more by visiting family-focus.org/2026-dbd/.

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Be A Dream Builders Sponsor

Your sponsorship helps Family Focus provide the highest quality programs for early childhood education, youth development and family support. Together, we are the circle of caring, “the Village” it takes to raise a child! For inclusion in the Annual Dinner Program, please send your ad or sponsor confirmation by **Thursday, April 16, 2026**. Sponsorships or ads received after this date may not make our print deadline.

	Presenting \$100,000	Diamond \$50,000	Gold \$25,000	Silver \$15,000	Bronze \$10,000	Copper \$5,000
Guests	36	24	12	12	10	10
Tables	3	2	1	1	1	1
Annual Report or Newsletter Feature	★					
Speaking Role (Optional)	★	★				
Volunteer Event (Optional)	★	★				
Recognition From Podium	★	★	★			
Recognition In Press Materials	★	★	★	★		
Program Book Ad Space	★ Full Page	★ Full Page	★ Full Page	★ Half Page	★ Quarter Page	
Recognition In Digital, Print Materials	★	★	★	★	★	★

Other Opportunities

Program Advertiser

- Full Page Program Advertisement (\$5,000)
- Half Page Program Advertisement (\$2,500)
- Quarter Page Program Advertisement (\$1,000)

Partner Sponsor \$2,500

- Recognition in digital and print materials

Associate Sponsor \$1,500

- Recognition in digital and print materials



Frequently Asked Questions

Why are you moving from the Four Seasons?

In 2024 and 2025, we reached the capacity of the Four Seasons Hotel Grand Ballroom. We have an exciting new location with the Bridgeport Art Center (BAC)! Located in a historic 1911 loft space, the BAC is elegant, fresh, hip and practical. We've valued our past partnership with the Four Seasons Hotel, and make this move to a new venue that enables us to welcome more guests and better serve our mission.

When do you need our sponsorship?

Your sponsorship can be honored through June 30, 2026. To be included in the Program Book and other event materials, we need written confirmation of your intent to sponsor no later than **Thursday, April 16, 2026**.

How can I manage my guest names?

- Visit **family-focus.org/2026-dbd-guests/** to access the form. Our Presenting and Diamond Sponsors, who have more than 12 guests, should complete the form multiple times, once for each table of guests.
- Use the form to enter each guest's name, email, meal preference, allergies and accommodation needs. **Don't forget to include yourself when appropriate.**
- After submitting, you'll be presented with a confirmation page. We encourage you to **bookmark this page** so you can edit your guest names later. You will also get an email confirmation from forms-receipts-noreply@google.com. This also contains a link where you can edit your guest names.

The form will close on **Sunday, April 26** so we can send the final guest list to our catering team. If you need help making changes to your guest list; or need to add guests after April 26, please contact Elliot Bell-Krasner at **elliott.bellkrasner@family-focus.org**.

What is the dress code? What are my parking options? Is transit available?

The dress code for the event is business formal / cocktail attire. The Bridgeport Art Center, located at 1200 W 35th St, Chicago IL 60609, has 400+ self-parking spots. Optional **guest-paid valet** parking will be available. CTA options include the #8, 9 and 35 Buses, Ashland Orange Line, and 35th St Red Line.

What is the tax-deductibility of my gift to Family Focus?

Fair Market Values vary by number of tickets and sponsorship level. See the Fair Market Values section of this sponsorship packet on page 9, or visit family-focus.org/2026-dbd/ to learn more.

How can I join the Host Committee?

Joining our host committee is an endorsement of the Family Focus mission. There's no obligation to attend or donate. Your name will be listed on our website, in the event invitation, and program book. To learn more and join the host committee, visit family-focus.org/2026-dbd-host-committee/.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Sponsorships, Host Committee, Other Inquiries: Sallie Hazelrigg, Director of Philanthropy, sallie.hazelrigg@family-focus.org.

Guest Registration: Elliot Bell-Krasner, Events Consultant, elliott.bellkrasner@family-focus.org.

Deadlines

Thursday, February 12

Mailed Invitation Print Deadline

Sponsors, Host Committee members must let us know by February 12.

Thursday, April 16

Program Book Print Deadline

Sponsors, Program Advertisers, and Host Committee members must submit materials by April 16.

Sunday, April 26

Guest Names Deadline

Family Focus submits final guest names and meal selections to the catering team on April 27.

Thursday, May 7

2026 Dream Builders Dinner

Tuesday, June 30

Payment Deadline

Final date to submit sponsorship payments.

Materials received after these dates risk not be included in the relevant event materials.

Program Advertisement Guidelines

Presenting, Diamond, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsors receive space for a full-color ad in our program book. Ad space is also available for purchase. Sample advertisements are on the following two pages.

- **Deadline:** Ads must be received by April 16. Materials received after this date will not make our print deadline.
- **Format:** PDF, SVG, or EPS are preferred (with fonts either embedded or exported as curves). JPEG, PNG or TIFF are also acceptable. Your advertisement should be high resolution (at least 300 DPI), in full color (CMYK), and contain no bleed.
- **Send:** Ads and company logos can be emailed to sallie.hazelrigg@family-focus.org.

Full Page \$5,000

7.5" H × 4.5" W

2250 PX H × 1350 PX W
(at 300 DPI)

Included with Diamond &
Gold Sponsorships

7.5" H × 4.5" W

Half Page – \$2,500

3.75" H × 4.5" W

1125 PX H × 1350 PX W
(at 300 DPI)

Included with Silver Sponsorships

3.75" H × 4.5" W

Quarter Page – \$1,000

3.75" H × 2.25" W

1125 PX H × 675 PX W
(at 300 DPI)

Included with Bronze Sponsorships

3.75" H
×
2.25" W

Program Advertisement Examples

Full Page (7.5" H × 4.5" W)

WE ARE PROUD TO
PARTNER WITH



AND THEIR WORK
IMPROVING THE LIVES OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING
A DIFFERENCE IN OUR
COMMUNITIES!



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Program Advertisement Examples

Half Page (3.75" H × 4.5" W) + Quarter Page (3.75" H × 2.25" W)



is proud to support
Family Focus
and their mission to
strengthen communities.

Congratulations
Family Focus
on 175 years of caring
for children and families.

– Sharad Kapur



AURORA-KAPUR CENTER

**Marsh McLennan
Agency is proud
to support
Family Focus.**

Congratulations on your
2025 Dream Builders Dinner!

*Our offerings include Employee Health
& Benefits, Business Insurance, Private
Client Services and Retirement & Wealth*

MarshMMA.com | 248.822.8000



2026 Sponsorship Form

Event Sponsorships

- | | |
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| ☐ Presenting Sponsor | \$100,000 |
| ☐ Diamond Sponsor | \$50,000 |
| ☐ Gold Sponsor | \$25,000 |
| ☐ Silver Sponsor | \$15,000 |
| ☐ Bronze Sponsor | \$10,000 |
| ☐ Copper Sponsor | \$5,000 |

Program Advertisements

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| ☐ Full Page | \$5,000 |
| ☐ Half Page | \$2,500 |
| ☐ Quarter Page | \$1,000 |

Underwriting Sponsors

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|---|---------|
| ☐ Partner Sponsor | \$2,500 |
| ☐ Associate Sponsor | \$1,500 |

Tickets

- | | |
|--|---------|
| ☐ Ally (4 tickets, name in program book) | \$2,500 |
| ☐ Friend (2 tickets, name in program book) | \$1,500 |
| ☐ Tribute (1 ticket, 1 line tribute in program book) | \$750 |
| ____ Individual Tickets (\$500 each × # of tickets) | \$500 |

My Information

Name as it should appear in all print and digital recognition: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Contact name for this sponsorship and table guests: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Payment Method (please honor all commitments by June 30, 2026)

- ☐ I will pay by **ACH or wire transfer**, please send instructions
- ☐ Enclosed is a **check** (payable to Family Focus)
- ☐ Charge my **credit card** (information below)
- ☐ Send me an **invoice** at the email provided above
- ☐ I paid **online** at family-focus.org/2026-dbd-sponsorships/

Card number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Security Code: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

Name of cardholder as it appears on the card: _____

- ☐ Yes, I want to pay the credit card processing fees so that my entire gift supports to Family Focus.

Family Focus, EIN 36-2166998, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Each \$500 ticket has a fair market value of \$200. The remaining balance of \$300 is considered a tax deductible gift. Unused tickets and sponsorships will be considered a donation. For assistance, contact Sallie Hazelrigg at sallie.hazelrigg@family-focus.org or call 312-777-1915.

Program Advertisements are included with Diamond, Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorships. To view ad requirements and learn more, view pages 5 – 7 or visit family-focus.org/2026-dbd/.

Return this completed form to Family Focus, 910 W Van Buren St Ste 400, Chicago IL 60607, or email to sallie.hazelrigg@family-focus.org.



Fair Market Values

Each \$500 ticket has a fair market value of \$200. The remaining balance of \$300 is considered a tax deductible gift. View the table below for tax deductibility of all tickets and sponsorships. If you have any questions, please contact Sallie Hazelrigg, Director of Philanthropy, at sallie.hazelrigg@family-focus.org.

Event Sponsorships	Payment Total	Fair Market Value	Tax Deductible Gift Total
Presenting Sponsor	\$100,000	\$7,200	\$92,800
Diamond Sponsor	\$50,000	\$4,800	\$45,200
Gold Sponsor	\$25,000	\$2,400	\$22,600
Silver Sponsor	\$15,000	\$2,400	\$12,600
Bronze Sponsor	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$8,000
Copper Sponsor	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Underwriting Sponsorships	Payment Total	Fair Market Value	Tax Deductible Gift Total
Partner Sponsor	\$2,500	n/a	\$2,500
Associate Sponsor	\$1,500	n/a	\$1,500
Program Advertisements	Payment Total	Fair Market Value	Tax Deductible Gift Total
Full Page	\$5,000	n/a	\$5,000
Half Page	\$2,500	n/a	\$2,500
Quarter Page	\$1,000	n/a	\$1,000
Individual Tickets	Payment Total	Fair Market Value	Tax Deductible Gift Total
Ally (4 tickets, name in program book)	\$2,500	\$800	\$1,700
Friend (2 tickets, name in program book)	\$1,500	\$400	\$1,100
Tribute (1 ticket, 1 line tribute in program book)	\$750	\$200	\$550
Individual Tickets (\$500 each)	\$500	\$200	\$300



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