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As an organization committed to improving the lives of children, the Indiana District of Kiwanis has been a partner with Riley Hospital for Children for over 90 years. We partnered with Riley before the hospital even opened its doors to children and families across the state. This year our partnership includes supporting a statewide initiative Riley is undertaking to develop regional neurodevelopmental and behavioral hubs. Riley is taking the lead to provide early diagnosis and intervention for children with autism and related disorders.

Early diagnosis for effective care, under the age of 36 months, is paramount to maximize treatment and provide the best chance for appropriate intervention and future success. At the inception of this program, the average age of diagnosis in Indiana was 63 months, nearly twice the recommendation age. Indiana pediatricians list health support for children with neurodevelopmental and behavioral disorders as their number one need.

In the initial pilot program in Bloomington, Riley professionals, in partnership with local health care providers, were able to reduce the average age of diagnosis from 63 to 28 months, improving on the national average. As a result of this initiative, this success is being replicated in nine regions across the state, reaching 94% of Indiana’s young children with community-based diagnosis and care.

This success is a result of providing training to local physicians, screening and diagnostic materials, support materials for parents and families, and connecting community partners and organizations in supporting these efforts. The Indiana District of Kiwanis, with its 185 clubs and 6,000 members, is one of those partners. Indiana Kiwanis made a four-year, $1,000,000 commitment to this initiative. We exceeded our year one fund raising goal and look forward to doing the same this year.

To support the many fund raising projects undertaken by clubs throughout the state, we are holding our second annual gala event on March 11, 2017. In conjunction with this event, we are conducting an online silent auction. Bidding will open on February 10, 2017 and close at the gala event on March 11th. Your generous donation of an item for this auction will assist us in reaching our fund raising goal and help Riley provide these critical services for young children and families across the state.

Your donation may be in the form of a gift certificate for products or services, or a specific item or service. Your generosity will be recognized on the online auction site and in promotional communication with our members. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. You will receive a detailed receipt for your donation.

You may use the attached form to submit your donation. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us.

Thank you for your generosity,

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Silent Auction Donation Form

Yes, we will donate an item(s) for the silent auction to benefit the 3 Wishes campaign, an Indiana Kiwanis and Riley Hospital partnership!

Business/Organization Name: ___________________________________________________________

Contact Person: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: _____ Zip: _______ Email: _____________________________

Item Donated: _______________________________________________________________________

Description of Item: __________________________________________________________________

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Please list any restrictions or limitations regarding this item. (i.e. date restrictions, specific event, etc.)

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Is there an expiration date by which the winning bidder must redeem the donation? ________________

(Please provide date.)

Value of Donation: $________________________

_____ We would also like to make a contribution of $________________________

(Make checks payable to Indiana Kiwanis Foundation.)

Want to mail your donation? Send it to the address at the bottom of the form.

Want to send it electronically? Email it to ztsmith212@gmail.com

Want someone to stop by and pick up your donation? We can do that! Contact our Silent Auction Coordinator, Zach Smith, at ztsmith212@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Thank you!