



- McElligott - Gallagher School of Irish Dance
- Mayor Phil Gordon and son, Jacob
- Linda Machado and Carlos Montusar of Un Corazón Flameco
- Teresa and Louie Moses,
- Kate Wells
- Dancing to 4 Car Garage Band
- Marlene Galan Woods
- Wally Brown III

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event at a glance

## A FAMILY AFFAIR

**when:** October 14, 2006  
**where:** Cutter Aviation Hangar  
**beneficiary:** Children's Museum of Phoenix  
 (602) 253-0501  
**proceeds:** \$101,000  
**chair:** Marlene Galan Woods

After nine years of planning, the Children's Museum of Phoenix, under construction in the historic Monroe School building in downtown Phoenix, will take flight toward the end of 2007. So it was symbolic that the Oct. 14 fund-raiser was held at the Cutter Aviation Hangar at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. That's where 430 museum supporters were handed their passports for an evening that included children's activities, a silent auction, dinner and dancing.

Event chair **Marlene Galan Woods** and **Kate Wells**, a founder and the director of communications and development for the museum, conceived the "travel-around-the-world" theme while having coffee. The theme took flight

when Wells, who is in the same garden club as **Cammie Cutter**, approached her about using the hangar as a venue.

The "captain's" voice—actually **Mara Reynolds**, a flight attendant for United Airways—welcomed parents and children as the lights dimmed and fog filled the hangar, creating a cloudlike atmosphere. Children were captivated by activities that included making mini foreign flags and decorating miniature wooden suitcases with stamps from around the world. At the evening's end, the captain announced the successful landing. Money raised by this event, hosted by the Friends of the Children's Museum will help ready the Monroe School building for the museum.

— *Kathy Shayna Shocke*