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**THE FRIENDS OF THE
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX
PRESENTS FOURTH ANNUAL GALA – A FAMILY AFFAIR
OCTOBER 14, 2006
FOX 10's KARI LAKE TO EMCEE EVENING**

WHAT: The Children's Museum of Phoenix's 4th Annual Gala – *A Family Affair*. The gala is unique to the valley in that children are invited. **Marlene Galan Woods**, former TV newscaster and wife of former Attorney General Grant Woods, is the Chairwoman of the event. Fox 10's **Kari Lake** will emcee the evening.

With a travel theme, **the gala will celebrate the wonders of travel and highlight a number of exotic destinations represented in the food, children's activities, auction items, and entertainment.**

Activities to delight children include coin rubbing (a prototype of a Museum exhibit), paper plane making, suitcase stamping, flag making, and trying their hand at a flight simulator!

Adults will be enticed to bid on over 80 silent auction items, 6 marquee items with a travel or getaway theme, and 2 extraordinary raffle prizes each with only a 1 in 52 chance to win.

WHEN: **October 14, 2006**
 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

WHERE: **Cutter Aviation Hangar at Sky Harbor Airport**

WHY: **100% of the proceeds from *A Family Affair* will help the Children's Museum of Phoenix build a children's museum in the historic Monroe School in downtown Phoenix**

VISUALS: **Children, flamenco dancer, Irish folk dancer, belly dancer, and the locally famous "doctor band" – *4 Car Garage*. Plus a venue transformed into an aviation spectacle complete with two private planes tucked in the corners of the massive space.**

TICKETS: \$250 adults, \$85 children, \$2,500 family tables
 Corporate sponsorships available
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The Children's Museum of Phoenix is a 501(c) (3) non-profit dedicated to opening a children's museum that will engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the adults who care about them. The museum will focus on learning through play, with emphasis on early childhood education and school-readiness.

CMoP will be housed in what is now the historic Monroe School at 7th Street and Van Buren in downtown Phoenix. Groundbreaking on the site was held in April of this year marking the beginning of the building's restoration and renovation. For more information about the Children's Museum visit www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.

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