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Circus of Dreams Brings Joy and Hope to Children

SEATTLE: July 14, 2009 – The Circus of Dreams Guild is proud to present our second annual event. The Circus of Dreams event will feature a collection of top Seattle aerial and artistic talent who donate their time and abilities to create a gravity defying, uplifting event to benefit pediatric brain tumor research at Seattle Children's. This event will take place at the ACT Theatre in Seattle, September 18 and 19, 2009. There will be one inspiring evening variety show on Friday and two playful afternoon children's shows on Saturday.

In 2008, the Circus of Dreams event had two sold out shows and was able to donate \$30,000 to Seattle Children's for pediatric brain tumor research. This year we have added a third show and hope to surpass that amount. Brain tumors are the second most common type of childhood cancer. Less than 3% of cancer research is specific to pediatric cancer and only a small percentage of that funding goes toward brain tumor research.

Our second purpose is to bring joy and laughter to our special guests. The shows promise an afternoon of entertainment for children who are fighting serious illnesses and their families. Sponsor donations make it possible for these children and their families to attend. They will receive free tickets for the entire family, free parking at the Convention Center, a special pass to meet with the performers after the show, plus small gifts for our special guests from the Circus of Dreams guild.

Tickets are now available to the public.

Inspirational Evening Show: Friday September 18, 2009: 8 PM. \$25

Children's Matinees: Saturday September 19, 2009: 1 and 4 PM. \$10 kids, \$20 adult

Venue: Allen Theater, [ACT Theatre](#), Seattle

Tickets: <https://www.acttheatre.org/TicketsPlays/Play.aspx?prod=2337>

Press Photos available at: <http://www.circusofdreams.org/press>

About the Circus of Dreams Guild

The Circus of Dreams Guild (<http://www.circusofdreams.org/>) is a group of dedicated people that is focused on inspiring children and raising money for pediatric brain tumor research. The guild was founded in 2007 by Jenn Wrenn in collaboration with her sister Katy. In July 2007 at age 28, Katy was diagnosed with multiple brain tumors. 'I wanted to do something to inspire my sister – and others who are battling cancer like she is -- the same way she has inspired me with her bravery', says Jennifer. Katy adds: 'When my sister offered me the chance to put this benefit together, it provided a perfect opportunity to support research that's working to find better, safer treatments for children.'

Proceeds from the "Circus of Dreams" are donated to Seattle Children's for pediatric brain tumor research (<http://www.seattlechildrens.org>).

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About Seattle Children's Hospital Guild Association

Seattle Children's Hospital Guild Association is the largest all-volunteer fundraising network for any hospital in the country, serving as the umbrella non-profit organization for nearly 7,000 women, men and teens and 500 groups of friends, families, co-workers and community members. For more than 100 years, the Guild Association has helped provide hope, care and cures for children in Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. The Guild Association's efforts help support the clinical and research endeavors at Seattle Children's and provide uncompensated care funds so that all children in the region can receive the care they need regardless of their ability to pay. The Guild Association is part of the Seattle Children's Hospital Foundation which gathers community support and fundraising for Seattle Children's Hospital and Seattle Children's Research Institute. For more information about visit <http://waystohelp.seattlechildrens.org/about/>.

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