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Children's Museum of Atlanta to host benefit Jan. 31

"Amuse'um," a playful grown-up evening to benefit the Imagine It! Children's Museum of Atlanta is set for Jan. 31 and will offer a sweet escape to make adults feel "Like a Kid in a Candy Store!"



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The sixth annual fundraising event will satisfy the inner child with sweets and treats. From a make-your-own sundae station to a candy bar accompanied by a live band with side opportunities to bid on even more treats at silent and live auctions, it will celebrate childhood and give support to the museum's innovative programs. Suggested attire is playground chic.

Honoree for the benefit is Atlanta Woman of the Year **Ann W. Cramer**. Bert Weiss, host of the Bert Show, Q100's morning show, will serve as auctioneer extraordinaire. **Robyn Freedman** is overall chair with **Amy Barnes** spearheading the event committee.

Next to Centennial Park in

downtown Atlanta, the unique nonprofit Children's Museum was created in 2003 with help from generous local philanthropists and volunteers. It offers a 30,000-square-foot space where children up to 8 years old can play and learn together seven days a week — where the line between learning and fun is invisible. The museum's permanent collection features an activity zone and experiential art training areas of bright, creative, hands-on, interactive and educational exhibits designed to spark discovery and creative thinking. More than 200,000 children and their families are touched by the programs every year.

The museum's mission is to create environments and activities where young children can experience the power of imagination and the pure delight of learning with each other and with grownups.

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