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## **CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN TO HOST 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARDI GRAS GALA**

**CHATTANOOGA, TN**—Chambliss Center for Children will host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Gala on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at a new location, The Chattanooga Hotel Ballroom, located at 1201 Broad Street.

Guests will be greeted with beads, festive music, and hurricane cocktails. In the French Market, attendees can browse through a silent auction before they step into the French Quarter for Dixieland jazz, a late-evening DJ & dance party, and lots of New Orleans-style fun. The event will also feature delicious Cajun-inspired fare and the crowning of our 2023 Mardi Gras King and Queen, Mark Hite and Caroline Walker, who will lead guests in a parade throughout the ballroom. The 2023 Mardi Gras Gala is sponsored by The Mark Hite Team; First Horizon Foundation; Double Cola; Chambliss Law; Pinnacle Financial Partners; Title Guaranty and Trust; Unum; Best and Brock; EPB; JHM Certified Public Accountants; Athens Distributing Company; and Chattanooga Times Free Press.

“The Mardi Gras Gala is one of our favorite events of the year,” said Chambliss Center for Children Communications Coordinator Rachel Carroll. “We hope you’ll put on your favorite party outfit, get your dancing shoes ready, and come out for this night of fun in support of Chambliss Center for Children!”

Tickets for the Mardi Gras Gala are \$90 for individuals through January 20<sup>th</sup>. After that, the cost will increase to \$100 for individuals. Companies or groups of friends have the option of purchasing tables. The “Krewe” level is \$1,000 and includes a reserved table for 8, special beads and party favors. The “Super Krewe” level is \$1,600 and includes the same benefits as the “Krewe” level plus deluxe beads, table sign with logo, and other fun party favors. Complimentary Uber codes will be provided by our Safe Ride Sponsor, Best & Brock. Proceeds from this event will support Chambliss Center for Children’s programs and services. Reservations may be made online at [chamblisscenter.org](http://chamblisscenter.org) or by calling 423.468.1139.

**About Chambliss Center for Children** - Chambliss Center for Children is a local non-profit organization that has been caring for this community’s children 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year since 1872. The mission of the agency is to preserve family unity and to help prevent the dependency, neglect, abuse and delinquency of children by responding to the community’s child care needs. This is done by providing affordable, accessible and quality care for over 750 children every day through an Early Childhood Education and Extended Child Care Program, as well as a Residential Program, which recruits and trains foster families and operates a Transitional Living Program. The newest addition to the Residential program, the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children, is currently in development and will provide a welcoming space for children and teens awaiting foster placement. The agency also manages six off-site childcare centers and educates and cares for the children of teachers in several Hamilton County Schools. For more information about Chambliss Center for Children, please visit [www.chamblisscenter.org](http://www.chamblisscenter.org) or call 423-698-2456.



11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**MARDI GRAS**  
*Gala*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023  
7PM - 11PM  
THE CHATTAHOOGAN HOTEL BALLROOM

TO BENEFIT  
CHAMBERS CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Enjoy food, drinks, a silent auction, music, beads, the crowning of our 2023 Mardi Gras King and Queen **Mark Hite** and **Caroline Walker**, and lots of New Orleans-style fun at this special event.

A small photo in the bottom right corner shows two people, a man and a woman, wearing Mardi Gras hats and beads, standing in front of a brick wall.

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