

Eric Elias Foundation

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ERIC ELIAS FOUNDATION DINNER DANCE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009, 6:30pm

**MANZO'S BANQUETS
1571 S. ELMHURST ROAD
DES PLAINES, IL 60018**

Throughout each day many people take for granted the simple things that life has to offer. Things like walking upstairs, getting into the shower, cooking meals, and even working with a computer, which seems to be second nature to most of us, For people afflicted with various types of Muscular Dystrophy, these simple tasks and many others become a bigger challenge. The Eric Elias Foundation, a non-for profit organization, was established more than 8 years ago in memory of a local Des Plaines resident, who was afflicted with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, one of the most deadly forms of this disease.

The mission of the foundation is not to provide money for research but rather to provide funds in order to enhance and enrich the lives of people with Muscular Dystrophy. Building a ramp for a wheel chair in order to gain access to a residence, a shower chair, and even a simple wheel chair cushion all cost money. With escalating costs today many family budgets cannot endure the additional costs of these essential items.

The past two years, with your help, we were able to assist two families with a sizable down payment toward the purchase of accessible vans to transport their children who suffer from Muscular Dystrophy.

The foundation is giving local businesses the opportunity to assist us in enhancing and enriching the lives of people with Muscular Dystrophy, by supporting and / or attending the Dinner Dance. Tickets are \$55.00 per person or \$500.00 per table of ten. There will be live entertainment and an open bar

Please become a Partner by helping us with monetary donations, and /or quality items for our auction bid. We appreciate your interest and cooperation and hope to hear from you as soon as possible regarding donations and ticket purchases.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact us. *Ann (Elias) Gehrke at (815) 397-1055 or Kathy Borre at (847) 226- 4924.*

Sincerely,

*Ann (Elias) Gehrke & Kathy Borre
Co- Chairpersons
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