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Dear Friends,

We are writing as Co-Chairs of this very special 16th Annual *On Cloud Nine*. It is an honor for us to be asked to assist Kent, given the recent passing of his wonderful wife and our friend, Lauren. Lauren was a tremendous booster of Horizons for Youth, our kids and families, and especially of *On Cloud Nine*. We hope you will take a few quiet minutes to review this note, Kent's letter, and the attached materials and consider joining us in supporting this effort.

As many of you know, we have been involved with Horizons for Youth ever since Steve helped found it 25 years ago. Since that time, Horizons for Youth has helped hundreds of children and families unlock opportunities and brighter futures by ensuring access to excellent education, one-on-one mentoring relationships, and various enrichment programs.

As you will read in the attached note from Kent Barnett, Chair of this commemorative *On Cloud Nine* event, Horizons for Youth has had remarkable success with tremendous outcomes for children. Laura and I are very proud to celebrate 25 Years of helping kids, and we are honored to stand alongside Kent during this meaningful year for *On Cloud Nine*.

Thank you for your gracious consideration of something so dear and important to us.

Warm regards,

Steve and Laura Derks
Event Co-Chairpersons



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Dear Friends:

When a rare virus took the life of our 18-month-old daughter Paige in 2000, my late wife Lauren Heath and I knew we wanted to do something that would allow Paige's spirit to live on and positively impact on our community. We chose to support Horizons for Youth, an organization whose mission aligns with our personal passion: helping students from low-resource areas realize their full potential through education. As many of you know, Lauren was reunited with Paige this past summer after a courageous 18-month battle with brain cancer. In loving memory, I am honored to continue to bring zeal to the commitment she and I made to turn grief into opportunity.

This year we will celebrate the 16th Annual *On Cloud Nine* gala in tribute to both Paige and Lauren. Lauren spent the last third of her life working to help Chicago children achieve their dreams with profound generosity and grace, and her devotion carries on through this event. I look forward to once again witnessing the difference we can make by coming together with the common goal of providing educational opportunities to those who need them most. Since our inaugural event, we have helped Horizons for Youth grow from serving 42 students in 2001 to 225 students today. The extraordinary support of *On Cloud Nine* has enabled Horizons for Youth to change the trajectory of these students' lives.

Over the first twenty-four years of the organization's existence, **99% of Horizons for Youth program alumni graduated high school, and for five consecutive years, alumni have maintained a 100% college enrollment rate.** Furthermore, Horizons for Youth not only helps students get to college, but supports them in graduating from college. A remarkable 90% of Horizons for Youth high school graduates have either completed college or are still attending college in pursuit of their degree. Together, we can provide *even more* students the opportunity to receive the comprehensive support services that will allow them to close the opportunity gap, gain access to a quality education, and graduate from college.

I am delighted that Laura and Steve Derks have agreed to Co-Chair the event with me at this very special time. As many of you know, Steve was one of the co-founders of Horizons for Youth in 1991. He and Laura have been friends of Lauren and mine since we started this event in 2000. We welcome your support and help as we work to honor Paige and Lauren this year.

I invite you join our efforts in helping to create a better future for Chicago children by becoming a sponsor of the 16th Annual *On Cloud Nine* event, which will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Revel Fulton Market. Please refer to the enclosed material, which includes additional information about Horizons for Youth and the impact we are having on these students.

I hope you will join the Horizons for Youth community, a dedicated group of individuals working together to ensure students reach their full potential. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in support of *On Cloud Nine*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Barnett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kent Barnett
Event Chairperson



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The 16th Annual
On Cloud Nine Gala
In Memory of Paige Barnett & Lauren Heath
Event Fact Sheet

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2016

Venue: Revel Fulton Market
1215 West Fulton Market Chicago, IL 60607

Details: Over 700 guests Light Fare
Silent auction Open Bar
Live music and dancing

History: *On Cloud Nine* was founded in memory of Paige Lauren Barnett, who passed away unexpectedly on February 4, 2000. Tragically, she was only 18 months old. Paige’s parents, Kent Barnett and Lauren Heath, had been involved with Horizons for Youth for many years, and the Paige Barnett Memorial Fund was created in Paige’s memory. *On Cloud Nine* was established in 2001 to benefit Paige’s fund and to support the children of Horizons for Youth. This year, we also remember Lauren in a special way at the gala as she was reunited with Paige this past July after a courageous 18-month battle with brain cancer.

Results: Over the last 15 years, this event has raised over \$2.3 million in total to support student scholarships, mentoring, and enrichment opportunities.

Community Support: More than 800 individual and corporate donors contribute annually, including last year’s event sponsors:

John and Kathy Ackerman
Advanced Group
Arbor Investments
Clune Construction Company
DCi-Artform
Steve and Laura Derks
Gary Jet Center
Gilbane Building Company
Good Heart Work Smart
Foundation

Industrial Developments
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UPS
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Horizons for Youth is a 25-year-old non-profit organization committed to helping children recognize and achieve their full potential. In partnership with dedicated families, we provide need-based scholarships, one-on-one mentoring, and enrichment programs. Horizons for Youth currently serves 225 students between kindergarten and twelfth grade. Our High School Program alumni have maintained a 100% college enrollment rate and a 90% college persistence rate.

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Sponsorship Opportunities

	Angel Sponsorship <i>\$15,000</i>	Benefactor Sponsorship <i>\$10,000</i>	Patron Sponsorship <i>\$5,000</i>	Event Sponsorship <i>\$2,500</i>
Number of admission tickets to the event	20	10	6	4
Opportunity to display company digital logo at event	✓ <i>Premier recognition at main bar</i>	✓ <i>Featured at stage</i>	✓ <i>Featured at a bar or food station</i>	
Cocktail napkins with logo	✓			
Band announcement acknowledging sponsorship	✓	✓		
Company name and logo recognition on live auction website; viewed by all bidders	✓ <i>Premier</i>	✓ <i>Prominent</i>		
Name recognition and logo included in event slideshow	✓ <i>Premier</i>	✓ <i>Prominent</i>	✓	✓
Recognition on event invitations mailed to over 4,000 constituents	✓ <i>Premier</i>	✓ <i>Prominent</i>	✓	✓
Recognition on Horizons for Youth's website	✓ <i>Premier</i>	✓ <i>Prominent</i>	✓	✓
Recognition in all <i>On Cloud Nine</i> pre- and post- event communications	✓ <i>Premier</i>	✓ <i>Prominent</i>	✓	✓



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Sponsorship Agreement

I elect to sponsor the 16th anniversary of On Cloud Nine in the amount of \$ _____

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone _____ Contact e-mail _____

Please email an electronic copy of your company logo to tiffany@horizons-for-youth.org.

Commitment Deadline	Opportunity
December 1, 2015	<i>Recognition in event invitation mailed to over 4000 constituents.</i>
January 19, 2016	<i>Recognition in media display running throughout the event</i>
Upon receipt of commitment	<i>Name will be listed as sponsor on our website. Name will remain on site until February 28, 2016</i>

Payment information – please check one:

Check enclosed. I will send a check. Please send me an invoice.

I will pay by credit card. As specified here, I authorize Horizons for Youth to charge my:
 Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

NAME ON CARD

SIGNATURE

DATE

Please mail your completed form to the address below, fax to 312-627-9033, or email completed and saved pdf to tiffany@horizons-for-youth.org.

99%



High school graduation rate for Horizons for Youth program graduates

100%



College enrollment rate for Horizons for Youth High School Program graduates

90%



College persistence rate for Horizons for Youth High School Program graduates

80%



Average college attendance cost covered by grants and scholarships

\$22,250



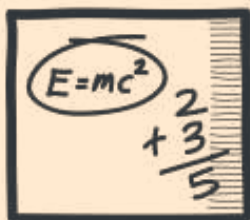
Average amount of annual financial aid received by Horizons for Youth college students

227



Average number of hours of contact each student receives per year through our comprehensive services

175



Number of Horizons for Youth students in our Elementary Program

50



Number of Horizons for Youth students in our High School Program

400



Number of students we will be able to serve in the 2020-2021 school year