



**Media Advisory  
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**AFCEA Bethesda Chapter Awards Winners of  
Art Contest to Benefit 2010 Children's Inn Gala Fundraiser**

**WHAT: The Children's Inn Gala Art Contest Awards Reception**

The Bethesda Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA Bethesda), a non-profit that promotes partnerships between government and industry, will recognize the winners of the 2010 Children's Inn Gala Art Contest at an awards reception. The contest was open to residents of the Inn and featured works of art, including paintings, collages or drawings that supported the theme, "What Makes Me Happy."

The first place composition will be featured on more than 1,000 program covers and signs for the 2010 "A Night for the Children" Gala to benefit the Children's Inn at the NIH to be held on April 24, 2010. In addition, all 12 winning works of art will be framed and sold at the Gala silent auction and awarded prizes donated by Microsoft Corporation.

Program speakers will include Marc Hollander, 2010 Children's Inn Gala Government Chair and Associate Director for Management at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Kathy Russell, CEO of The Children's Inn; and Diane Pearson, 2010 Children's Inn Gala Program Committee Chair.

**WHY:** The Children's Inn is a privately funded residence that offers a "place like home" for children who are being treated for life-threatening illnesses and debilitating conditions at the National Institutes of Health, the world's premier biomedical research center. The Children's Inn Gala has raised over \$3.5 million since its inception in 1999, making it the largest contributor to the Inn. Visit [The Children's Inn Gala Web site](#). Follow us on [Facebook](#) or twitter [@TheChildrensInn](#).

**WHEN:** 4:30- 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010

**WHERE:** The Bistro at The Children's Inn at NIH  
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**About the Children's Inn**

The Children's Inn at NIH is a private, non-profit, family-centered residence for pediatric outpatients at the National Institutes of Health and for their families. Its purposes are to keep children together with their families during serious illness, reduce their stress and facilitate their healing through mutual support. For nearly 20 years, it has served as a healing environment for more than 10,000 children and their families from the United States and around the world. For more information about the Children's Inn at NIH, visit [www.childrensinn.org](http://www.childrensinn.org).

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