

SWEET CHARITY

This fall, you won't want to miss these fantastic fêtes and soigné soirées!

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CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN'S Paul Pierce (2006 Champion Award honoree) with Joshua Wax, a Children's Hospital patient.

Champions for Children

October 30, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

Fête: Join the best of Boston's sports community for a night to benefit Children's Hospital Boston.

Cause: Funds raised support patient care, research, and community health programs at Children's Hospital Boston.

What to Expect: Team owners and players, sports

legends, and members of the business community all unite for a good cause. The event includes dinner and a live auction that features sports memorabilia, special events with celebrities, and more.

411: Call 617-355-0969 or visit childrenshospital.org/champions.

Kids Can Cook!

November 5, The Cyclorama

Fête: Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Kids Can Cook and the hard work and dedication of the program's founders, Donna Montgomery and Dan Mathieu.

Cause: Kids Can Cook provides inner-city kids with after-school cooking classes that teach the fundamentals of cooking, important health issues, and how to shop for food. The organization has taught more than 2,000 students since the program's inception, with many going on to culinary school.

What to Expect: Proving that Kids Can Cook is successful, more than 500 guests will enjoy a seated dinner. A different chef will cook for each table with the assistance of students in the program. Honorary cochairs for the event are Governor Deval Patrick and his wife, Diane.

411: Call 617-442-1122 or visit kidscancook.org.

Carnival

October 20, the Castle at Park Plaza

Fête: A toast to those who make Year Up's efforts possible—this annual celebration raises funds to support inner-city youth.

Cause: Year Up provides scholarships to urban young adults so that they have the resources and opportunities to realize their potential through professional careers and higher education. Proceeds from the Carnival directly support this need by providing more than 200 scholarships from funds raised at the event.

What to Expect: Break out your dancing shoes—Ozomatli and French Lick perform at

CARNIVAL FROM LEFT: Gerald Chertavian, Shaggy, and Kate Chertavian.





this year's celebration, which includes dinner and much more.

411: Call Lacy Garcia at 617-542-1533, ext. 1033.

Newport Under the Stars

September 18-19, Carnegie Abbey Club, Newport Harbor & Marina, Marble House Mansion

Fête: For the third consecutive year, the glitterati flock to Newport for this star-studded occasion to benefit the Joslin Diabetes Center.

Cause: Proceeds benefit the organization's High Hopes Fund, which raises money to improve the lives of diabetics and to help find a cure.

What to Expect: This two-day event begins with an 18-hole all-star golf tournament hosted by former NFL pro Jason Sehorn at the Carnegie Abbey Club. On day two, head down to Newport Harbor & Marina for the celebrity regatta and sail aboard an America's Cup champion racing yacht. In the evening, join guests Willie Garson (*Sex and the City*) and Amesbury's own Jeffrey Donovan (*Burn*

Notice), among others, for the Johnson & Johnson star-studded dinner at the Marble House Mansion.

411: Call 617-732-2468 or visit newportunderthestars.com.

The Storybook Ball

October 13, The Castle at Park Plaza

Fête: Rediscover the child inside you at the Storybook Ball to benefit the MassGeneral Hospital for Children.

Cause: Funds raised benefit the hospital's Pediatric Congenital Heart Program.

What to Expect: Mary Poppins is the theme of the eighth annual Storybook Ball. Guests will enjoy dinner, dancing, carnival games, and a live auction. As always, dress to impress.

411: Call 617-726-0940.

The Moonlight Ball

October 20, The Cyclorama

Fête: Billed as a Victorian Halloween celebration, the Moonlight Ball supports the Animal Rescue League (ARL).

Cause: Proceeds aid the ARL's mobile programs in Massachusetts, including a low-cost spay/neuter program, adoption services, and a transport program for the homebound and their pets.

What to Expect: Hosted by honorary chairpersons Jonathan Hall and Karen Marinella, the evening features the Edwardian imagery of author and illustrator Edward Gorey and the music of celebrity DJ Felix Cutillo. Animal lovers will enjoy a dinner from Choice Catering and performances by the Snappy Dance Theater Company.

411: Call 617-266-5609 or visit arlboston.org

Hands On! Gala—A Million Laughs for Literacy

October 26, InterContinental Hotel

Fête: Hosted by Jay Leno, this event celebrates the National Braille Press's literacy campaign.

Cause: Funds raised help deliver books and



NEWPORT UNDER THE STARS ABOVE: USA Network's *Burn Notice* star, Jeffrey Donovan, tees it up. ABOVE, LEFT: Willie Garson, currently in HBO's *John from Cincinnati*, practices his welcoming remarks to Joslin patients at last year's regatta.

braille learning materials into the hands of visually impaired children and their families.

What to Expect: WHDH-TV's Randy Price will introduce Leno, who will emcee this year's event. In addition to playing host, the comic, well known as a car enthusiast, has arranged for a Cadillac to be a prize in the live auction, along with a number of NBC-related items. This year author J.K. Rowling will be honored for promoting literacy around the world.

411: Call 617-266-6160 or visit nbp.org. ♦

THE MOONLIGHT BALL

Robert Beal with his dog, Mountie Too.



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