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Friends of Children Presents its Third Annual Red Shoe Ball

Red Shoe Ball to be held April 11 at 7 pm

FLORENCE – Friends of Children will be holding its third annual Red Shoe Ball on Friday, April 11 at 7 pm. The event will be held at the Garden House at Look Memorial Park in Florence, Mass.

The event will benefit Friends of Children and proceeds will be used to support its programming. This year is the 25th anniversary of Friends of Children, an organization that mainly supports abused and neglected children, many of whom are in foster care.

“Children in foster care long for a home they can call their own,” said Jane Lyons, the organization’s Executive Director.

The name for the Red Shoe Ball comes from the red ruby slippers in *The Wizard of Oz* and promotes the idea that there is “no place like home.”

The event will feature appetizers and a cash bar. The company Hope and Olive will have a signature cocktail prepared for the ball. Joan Hollidays will be the DJ for the event.

There will be a professional photographer, and attendees can pose for photos. There will also be silent and live auctions to benefit Friends of Children.

Items at the benefit auction include: a week each in vacation homes in St. Croix, Vieques, Puerto Rico, Truro and Greenwich Village, NYC. Other items include a hot air balloon ride, an East Heaven Hot Tub and Spa package, and fresh water pearls.

Last year, the Red Shoe Ball raised \$15,000 for the organization.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.FriendsofChildren.org or in person at the office at 245 Russell St. in Hadley, Mass.

To learn more, contact Friends of Children at 413-586-0011 or contact@friendsofchildreninc.org.

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