



# *Best Bites*

for



*Making a Delicious Difference  
for Chronically Ill Children,  
and their Loved Ones*

**February 27,  
2026**



*Transforming the Lives of  
Chronically Ill Children, and Their Families,  
Shifting All From Surviving to Thriving.*





## A “Top Chef” inspired cocktail party featuring some of Chicago’s best chefs.

### Proceeds fund:

***Bounce Bash***<sup>®</sup>: From everyday, to once-in-a-lifetime, family adventures.

***Bounce Back Kit***<sup>®</sup>: Family care packages that distract and ease stress.

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Bounce Will Continue  
Saying YES  
to New Families!

Better Serve  
500+ Active  
Families

Total Raised:  
\$200,000



# Best Overall Bite: Aaron Cuscheri



THE DEARBORN



ILLINOIS  
RESTAURANT  
ASSOCIATION



King Crab,  
Lobster &  
Shrimp Ceviche

# Bekah Maly

Levy



Carne Cruda

# Corey Grupe



Pork Mojo

# Jesse Vazquez



Tinga Tacos

# Mauricio Gomez



Crab Cake  
Slider

# Maria Isabele Lucero

*Tasty*  
CATERING



Brie & Pear  
Quesadilla

# Timothy Cottini



Pulled Pork  
Slider

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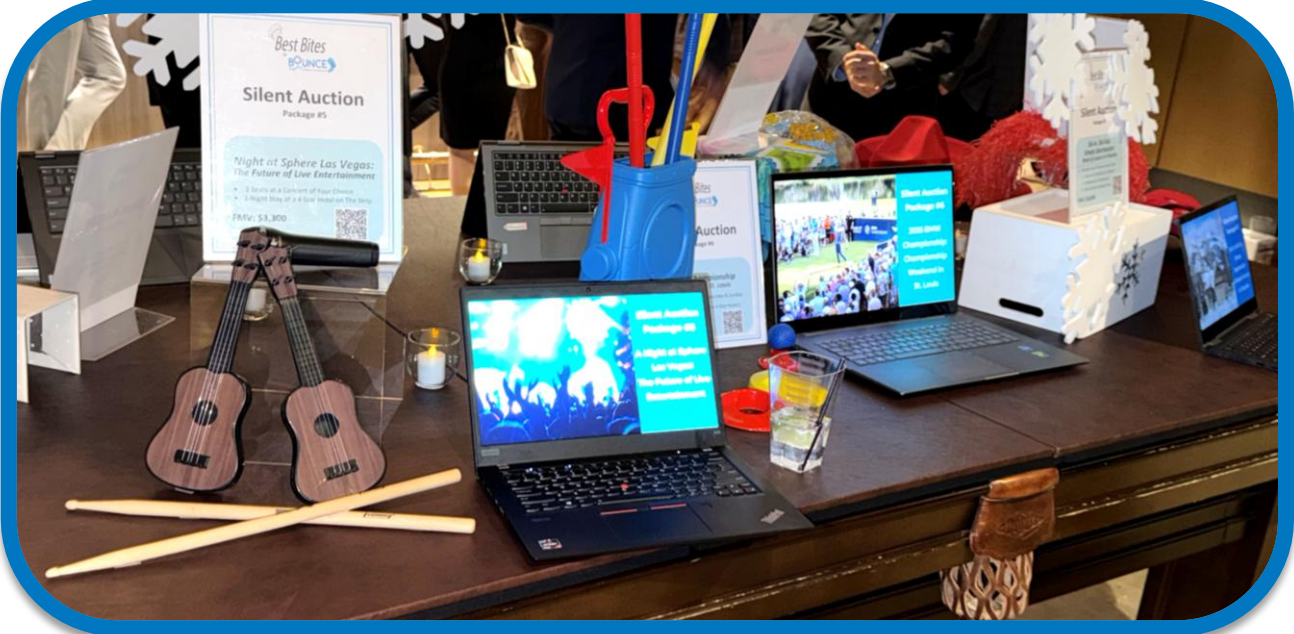
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# 15 Amazing Silent Auction Prize Packages





**200 Mystery Gift Bags  
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Paddle Raise Goal!**

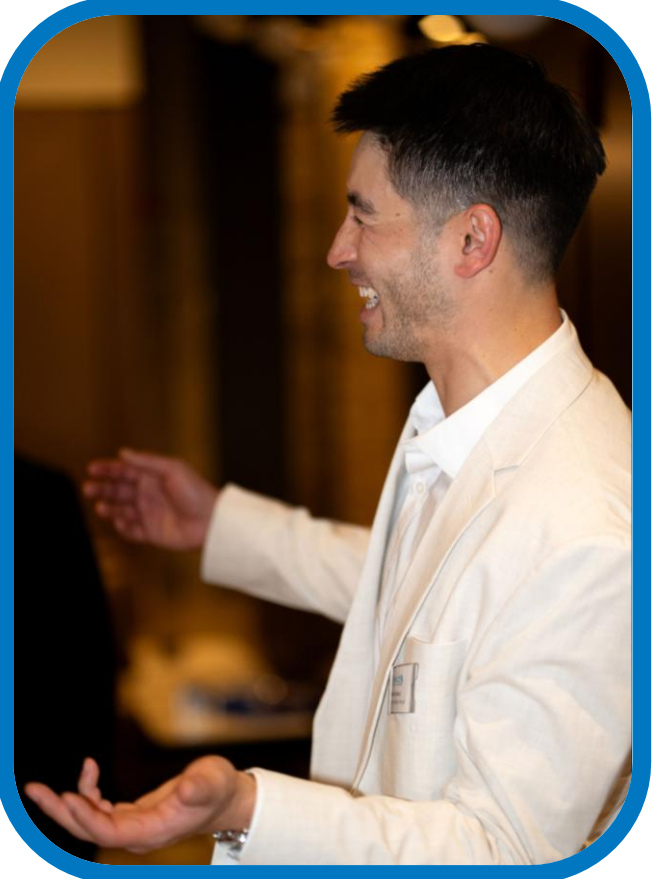


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LETS PARTY



**Grooving with  
the Band**



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What  
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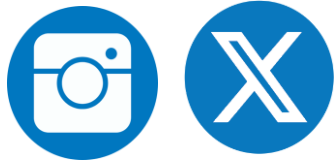
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