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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2024 6:31 PM  
**To:** Steve Berlin <Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org>  
**Subject:** Attendance at Youth Guidance's Bright Futures Gala

Hi Steve,

I would like to share that I attended the Youth Guidance 2024 Bright Futures Gala as part of the Mayor's team in my official capacity and in the Mayor's stead, who was invited by Michelle Adler Morrison, a sponsor of the event.

Location details are below and event invitation is attached.

Address: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 22, 2024; 5:00 pm

Please let me know if there is anything else you need.

**Mariana Osoria** | she/her/ella

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# **2024 BRIGHT FUTURES GALA**



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# 2024 Bright Futures Gala

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# BRIGHT FUTURES GALA

March 20, 2024

Mayor Brandon Johnson  
Office of the Mayor  
121 N LaSalle Street  
City Hall, 4th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mayor Brandon Johnson,

We were honored to have you join our recent MLK Unity Day in January. Your commitment to our programs and the impact they have on Chicago's youth has been instrumental to our success and continued work.

This year, Youth Guidance is thrilled to celebrate our 100th anniversary. We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion, and would like to invite you to join us and attend the 2024 Youth Guidance Bright Futures Gala to be held on the evening of May 22th at 5pm at the beautiful Hilton Chicago. This is our premier annual event to raise the necessary funds for the organization to support programs such as BAM and WOW.

Thanks to champions like you, in the 2022-2023 school year, Becoming A Man® (BAM®), our nationally recognized, evidence-based program for young men, serves more than 7,700 young men in more than 130 schools in Chicago and the south suburbs. Our Working On Womanhood (WOW<sup>SM</sup>) program currently provides counseling and support to more than 3,300 young women in Chicago and the south suburbs.

Youth Guidance is proud to deliver programs like Becoming A Man® (BAM®), which a University of Chicago study showed reduces violent crime arrests by 50% and increases on-time high school graduation rates by nearly 20% for students in BAM compared to a control group. Youth Guidance's work also includes the Working On Womanhood (WOW<sup>SM</sup>) program, which a University of Chicago study found to successfully reduce PTSD symptoms by 22 percent for young women.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sophie Emery, Development Manager, by email at [semery@youth-guidance.org](mailto:semery@youth-guidance.org).

With hope for all our children,

Michelle Adler Morrison  
Chief Executive Officer



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