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### **Sips and Dips on Sixth hosts fifth annual event for Rainbow Babies**

**Cleveland, Ohio** -- The West Sixth Circle of Friends announces the fifth annual Sips and Dips on Sixth event to be held on Thursday, October 27, 2011. The fundraiser benefitting Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, is hosted at the Hoyt Block Atrium on West Sixth Street (between Chop House and Blue Point Grille) at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$45.00 per person.

Honorary Chairpersons Meagan and Joe Jurevicius, a local sports hero, Super Bowl Champion with Tampa Bay Buccaneers and former Cleveland Brown, will be in attendance. "Sips" include fine wines and imported and domestic craft brews, provided by Heidelberg Distributing Co. and Wente Family Estates. "Dips" include an elaborate cheese and vegetable crudite with poached salmon, varieties of salsa and hummus and crackers, as well as an action pasta station and more.

"We're extremely excited for the fifth Sips and Dips event after the success of our past four events for Rainbow!" says Geoff Masten, chairperson of the event. "It's for the babies!" adds Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Circle of Friends Director, Sharon Klonowski.

The event is made possible from donations by corporate sponsors including AmTrust Bank, Ferro Corporation and IMG. Smaller in kind donations ranging from tickets to BCS Bowl Games and Mercedes Benz Fashion Week to local restaurant and store gift certificates are part of both silent auction and chinese raffle. Donated prizes are worth over \$10,000.00.

Tickets can be purchased on the event web site: [sipsanddipsonsixth.com](http://sipsanddipsonsixth.com). For more information, contact Sips and Dips marketing chairperson, Heidi Baumgart, at [info@sipsanddipsonsixth.com](mailto:info@sipsanddipsonsixth.com) or 440.645.6777.

### **About West Sixth Street Circle of Friends**

Circle of Friends was founded in 2002 by Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Circle of Friends' mission is to provide the voice and structure for those who voluntarily commit their time, talents, and financial assistance to benefit Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. The West Sixth Street Circle of Friends was formed in 2007, and held its first wine tasting event in the salon at Studio Palmieri on W. Sixth Street, in the heart of Cleveland's warehouse district. In 2008, the event moved to the Hoyt Block Atrium on St. Clair in the Warehouse district where over 200 guests enjoyed food from five warehouse district restaurants and wine represented by Heidelberg Distributing Company. In 2010, Taste of Excellence catering took over the "dips" serving thanks to donations, while "sips" have continued to be provided thanks to Heidelberg Distributing Co. and Wente Family Estates.

### **About UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital**

For 120 years, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital has been dedicated solely to the care of children. As one of the most renowned pediatric medical centers and a principal referral center for Ohio and the region, Rainbow physicians will receive more than 200,000 patient visits annually. The 244-bed hospital is home to 850 pediatric specialists and 40 special care centers including Centers of Excellence in oncology, neonatology, pulmonology, cardiology, neurology and endocrinology. There is a full complement of pediatric surgical specialists who focus on minimally invasive techniques as well as an outstanding program in bloodless surgery. As the primary affiliate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Rainbow trains more than 100 pediatricians each year and consistently ranks among the top children's hospitals in research funding from the National Institutes of Health.

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