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CHICAGO HEART BALL

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Friday, April 17, 2026
6:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
The Field Museum



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Our Mission

The American Heart Association is on a mission to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.

Our Goal

Building on over 100 years of trusted leadership in cardiovascular and brain health, by 2028 the American Heart Association will drive breakthroughs and implement proven solutions in science, policy and care for healthier people and communities. The greatest discoveries in health must reach people where they are.

Evening Agenda

6:30 p.m. | Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction

8:00 p.m. | Dinner, Live Auction & Program

9:45 p.m. | Silent Auction Closes

9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. | After Party

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A fundraising campaign matching up to \$1 million to honor moms and the special women in our lives.

Funds raised will help the American Heart Association advocate for maternal health and women's well-being.

Special thanks to Lee and Val Shapiro, the driving force of Millions Honoring Moms. And to The Tullman Family, Linda Imonti, and other generous donors for supporting the campaign.

Join the Millions Honoring Moms campaign, starting April 15!

Donate \$100 or more starting next week to **GET MATCHED** and grab your own "Because of Her" keychain!



2026 Live Auction Packages

Private Jet Escape to Napa Valley

Enjoy an effortless getaway as you **fly by private jet to Napa Valley for a luxury escape featuring VIP tastings at (7) wineries** and a curated collection of wines to stock your cellar.

Private Roundtrip Jet Service

Begin your getaway with unmatched ease and luxury by flying from Chicago to Napa Valley by private jet, the only way to arrive directly in the heart of wine country.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES VISITS TO:

Louis M. Martini Winery in St. Helena, CA

Descend into a beautifully restored 90-year-old barrel cellar for a wine tasting for (4) people, paired with inspired culinary creations from Executive Chef Aaron Meneghelli.

J Vineyards and Winery in Healdsburg, CA

Enjoy a five-course pairing menu for (4) people, as Estate Chef Forest Kellogg brings together the finest local ingredients & the winery's award-winning sparkling and varietal wines.

Flanagan Wines in Healdsburg, CA

Escape the crowds with a tour and tasting for (4) people at this private winery estate nestled in the rolling hills of Sonoma County.

Porter Family Vineyards in Napa, CA

Indulge in a private tour and tasting for (4) people at this boutique winery known for crafting outstanding Bordeaux varietals.

Hook & Ladder Winery in Santa Rosa, CA Immerse yourself in the heart of wine country with a unique tasting for (4) people showcasing limited-production wines.

Silver Oak in Oakville, CA

Savor Napa Valley cabernet sauvignons with a tasting for (4) people while enjoying a guided tour to discover the craftsmanship behind the winemaking.

Silverado Vineyards in Napa, CA

Sample small-production wines with this tasting for (4) people as you take in sweeping views accompanied by cheese and charcuterie.

This exclusive experience not only includes a wonderful getaway to Napa Valley, but also the chance to **stock your wine cellar with a collection of (13) premium bottles of wine.**

Value: \$46,625

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2026 Live Auction Packages

The Ultimate In-Home Dinner Party

Host an elegant evening with **an in-home dinner for (10) people from Food for Thought**, complemented by a designer tablescape and coordinated décor.

Enjoy a chef-crafted experience featuring passed hors d'oeuvres, a three-course seated dinner, premium bar selections with curated dinner wines, and full professional service and culinary staff.

Your experience will be enhanced with exquisitely **crafted florals or bespoke table décor using a \$500 gift card from Kehoe Designs**. These stunning arrangements or custom design elements will elevate the ambiance, creating a beautifully curated atmosphere for your guests.

Elevating your evening even further, the package **includes a full set of Crate & Barrel tableware**, providing the plates, silverware, napkins, and accents needed to create a magazine-worthy presentation.

Value: \$5,500

Donors: Food for Thought, Kehoe Designs, Crate & Barrel/CB2



Tropical Mexican Getaway

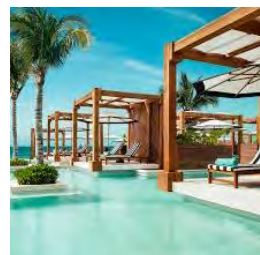
Unwind with a tropical Mexican getaway filled with sun-soaked relaxation and luxurious accommodations.

Enjoy a **7-night escape in a stunning 3-Bedroom Grand Luxxe Loft at your choice of Vidanta resorts across Mexico**. Vidanta's resorts are known for offering amenity-rich vacation experiences with multiple pools, high-end dining options, golf courses, luxurious spas, exclusive entertainment partnerships, and exceptional service. Guests can select from eight world class destinations: Nuevo Vallarta, Riviera Maya, Los Cabos, East Cape, Acapulco, Puerto Peñasco, Puerto Vallarta, or Mazatlán.

This package also **includes (4) United Airlines travel certificates valid for premium-cabin seats on United Airlines**. This experience is perfect for a relaxing group vacation, offering the ideal mix of comfort & effortless travel.

Value: \$23,300

Donors: Martino Family, United Airlines



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2026 Live Auction Packages

Big Apple Ballgame Experience

Enjoy an unforgettable long weekend in New York City with **(4) front row seats to the Chicago Cubs versus New York Mets game at Citi Field on June 26, 2026**. Feel the excitement up close as you watch every play from some of the best seats in the ballpark.

This experience is fully customizable, giving you the freedom to design your ideal getaway. Your package **includes a \$5,000 Marriott Bonvoy gift card** allowing you to choose the perfect hotel, whether you prefer the energy of Times Square, the charm of SoHo, or the elegance of the Upper East Side.

You will also receive **a \$5,000 United Airlines gift card**, giving you complete flexibility to book the flights that best suit your schedule and travel preferences.

Value: \$12,500

Donor: The Greskoviak Family



Luxury Lodge Escape

Retreat to a luxurious mountain escape surrounded by breathtaking scenery and year-round outdoor adventure with **a one-week stay for up to (14) guests at the Elkhorn Inn in Sun Valley, Idaho**.

As a renowned mountain destination, **Sun Valley is celebrated for its world-class skiing, scenic alpine trails, and vibrant arts community**. Its charming resort atmosphere & stunning natural surroundings make it a year-round haven for outdoor enthusiasts.

The Elkhorn Inn is perfect for a family retreat or getaway with friends. The home boasts five (5) master suites and seven (7) bathrooms, a full bar, and a 2,000 square foot deck overlooking Elkhorn Pond. **Guests will have preferred access to an 18-hole golf course, outdoor swimming pools, year-round hot tub, and tennis or pickle ball courts**. The lodge sits just minutes from Dollar Mountain, providing access to one of Sun Valley's most iconic beginner friendly slopes.

Value: \$12,000

Donor: Amy Waldron & Paul Hineman



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2026 Live Auction Packages

Kentucky Bourbon Experience

This three-day Kentucky getaway includes **VIP tours at Bulleit Distillery and Buffalo Trace**, along with **the full 2026 Buffalo Trace Antique Collection to take home.**

Perfect for bourbon lovers, this experience immerses you in the craft of America's most iconic distilleries. Whether you're expanding your palate or adding rare treasures to your collection, this getaway is a can't-miss celebration of Kentucky's finest bourbon.

Accommodations

Hotel accommodations will be provided at the AC Hotel, with SUV transportation included to and from the airport and the Bulleit Distillery.

YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES:

Day 1

Arrive in Louisville

VIP experience at the Bulleit Distillery with lunch included.

Dinner for (2) people at Seviche, a restaurant that blends Latin heritage with Southern ingredients.

Day 2

Tickets for the Louisville Slugger Museum.

Time to explore Downtown Louisville, with recommendations provided.

An exclusive VIP behind-the-scenes tour of Buffalo Trace Distillery for up to (8) guests, featuring a private tasting not available to the public and a personal meeting with the Master Distiller.

Dinner for (2) people at Jack Fry's, a historic restaurant serving Southern cuisine & intimate atmosphere.

Day 3

Depart Louisville

SAVOR A RARE COLLECTION INCLUDING:

- (1) George T. Stagg Bourbon
- (1) William Larue Weller Bourbon
- (1) Eagle Rare 17-Year-Old Bourbon
- (1) Sazerac Rye 18-Year-Old
- (1) Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Straight Rye
- (1) E.H. Taylor Jr. Bottled-in-Bond Bourbon

Value: \$14,500

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Bidder numbers are issued in advance. Once assigned a number, each bidder is responsible for the use of the number throughout the evening. Bidders must be at least 18 years of age to participate in the live or silent auction.

Timeline: The Silent Auction opens on April 10th, 2026, and closes at 9:45 p.m. on April 17th, 2026. Announcements will be made 10, 5, and 1 minute before bidding closes. Check-Out will begin approximately one-half hour after the conclusion of the program. The Auction Committee reserves the right to lower the minimum bids and change closing times.

Live Auction: Items will be on display in the auction area for viewing. The Live Auction will begin after dinner and will continue until all items have been auctioned. To bid on any item during the Live Auction, raise your bidder paddle. Only those bids recognized by the Auctioneer will be considered a valid bid. The winning bidder must give name and bid number to one of the Live Auction assistants, which will then be recorded with the item and amount bid, and transmitted to the Auction officials for processing.

Payment & Receipt of Items: All purchases must be paid for in full by the end of the evening of the Heart Ball. If you did not sign-up for Express Check-Out, payment may be made by cash, check or credit card at Check-Out. After payment is made, a receipt will be issued by the cashier. This receipt serves as a record of your purchases and potential tax deductions. Any sold items that are not taken home the night of the event must be picked up from the American Heart Association (AHA) office by the end of May. After that time, the AHA reserves the right to pass to another bidder.

Fair Market Value: All values listed are either the donor's estimate or the appraised value. Any amount you pay in excess of the fair market value would normally be available to you as a charitable contribution for tax purposes. Please check with your tax advisor for specifics.

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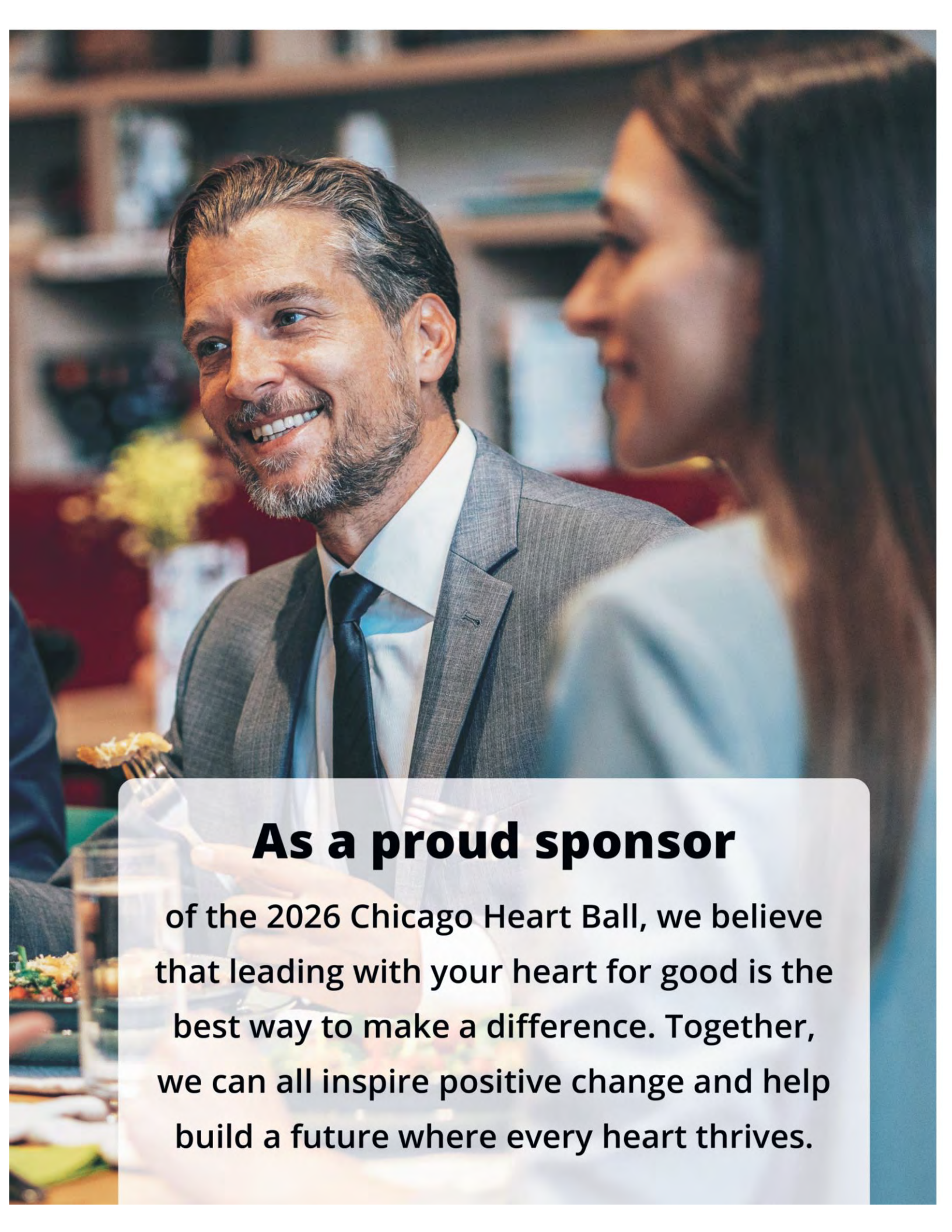
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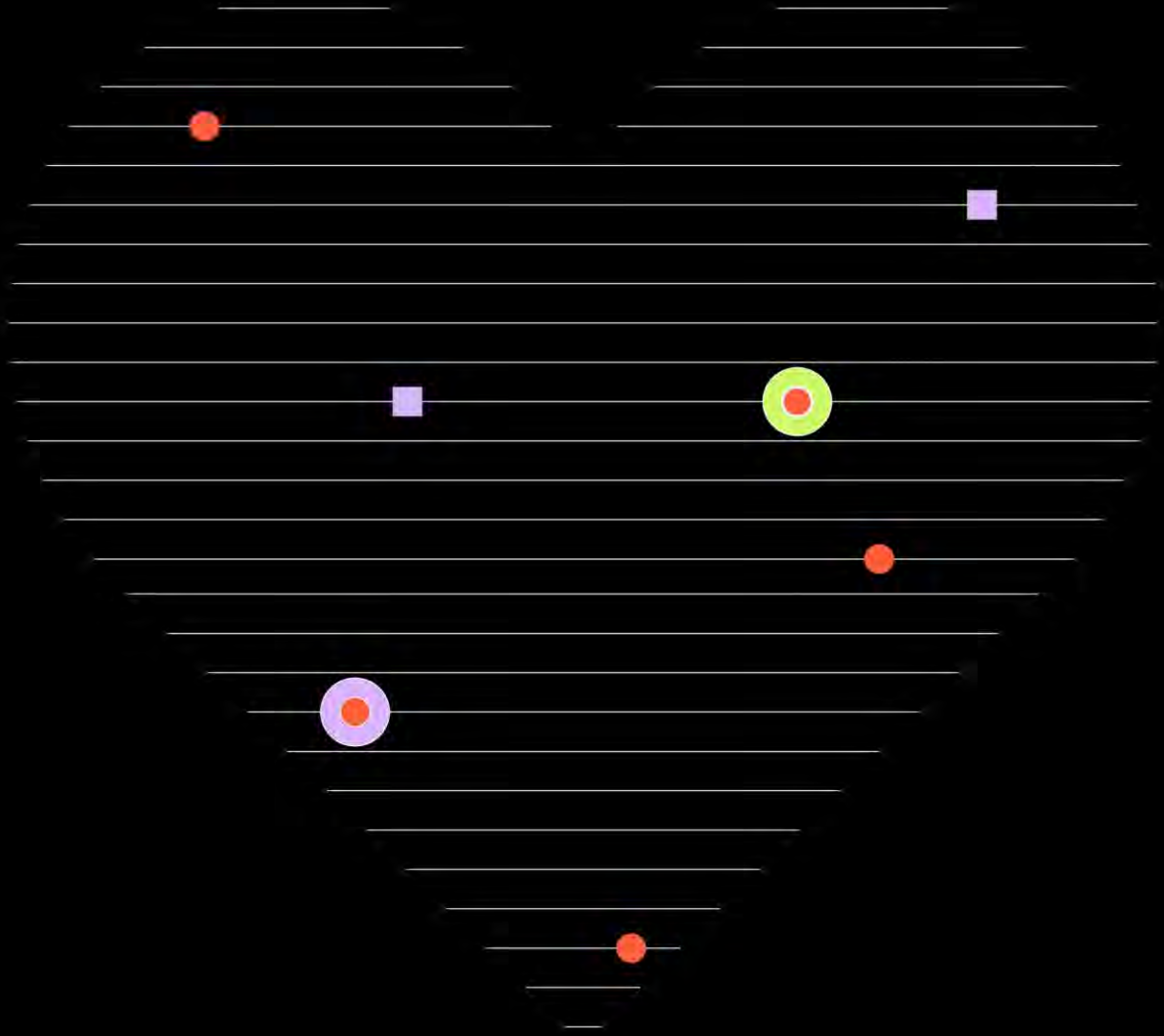
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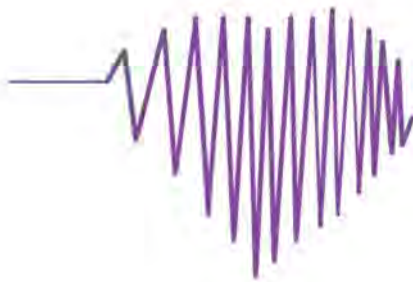
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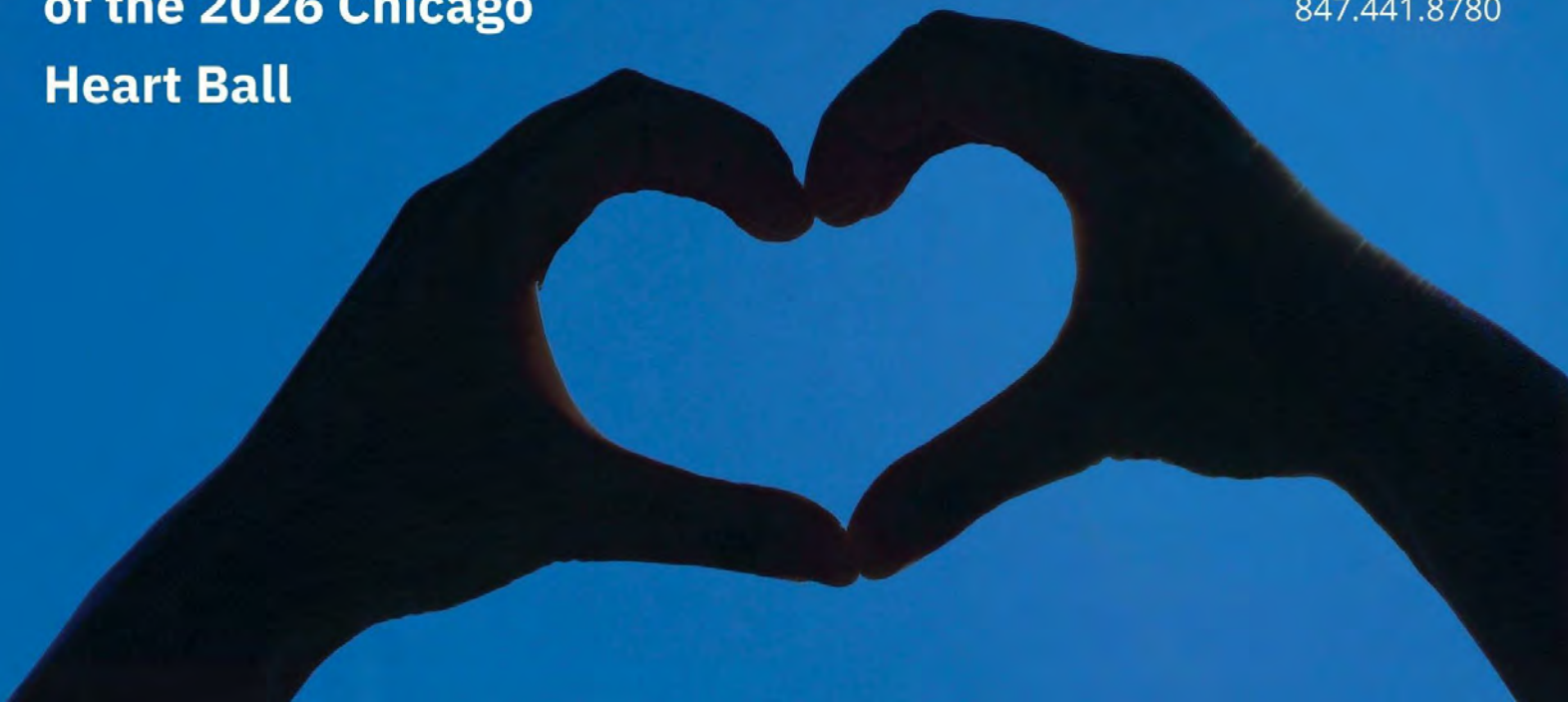


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