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April 2016

**NBC 5's Marley Kayden to Emcee
Kickoff Event**

June 9th from 6:00pm-9:00pm



The NBC 5 Weekend Traffic Anchor will guide guests through an evening full of speakers,

food, and activities. While we will miss our good friend NBC 5 news anchor Stefan Holt who has relocated to New York City we are looking forward to having Marley grace our stage. Marley is a multimedia journalist who has worked for WGN, Bloomberg News, and before moving to Chicago, she worked as a professional musical theatre actor. We are excited to have Marley join us and bring her high energy to Galleria Marchetti.

Moving to a nighttime event and having a new emcee are only two of the changes guests will notice at this year's affair. We've added a cocktail reception that will precede the dinner and program. We encourage you to get there right at 6:00 so you have ample time to see old friends, make new ones, participate in our silent auction, and order one of our special Back 2 School cocktails created especially for this event. We've got a lot more in store but don't want to reveal all the evening's festivities. Printed invitations will be mailed shortly but you can get your tickets now and ensure a good seat by purchasing them via our website.

[Click here to purchase your ticket!](#)

What Goes In a Signature B2SI Kit? Take a Peek at What Goes Inside Each Type of Kit

Did you know we actually offer four different types of our signature Back 2 School kits? Did you know that the kits we provide to one of our distribution partners actually include hygiene supplies? Our basic kits come in four different age brackets: Pre-K, Primary, Elementary, and Junior/Senior High. Each of our kits is age appropriate and contains the essential materials for those grades. The Pre-K and Primary kits contain more art supplies (e.g., construction paper, crayons, and glue sticks). Our Elementary and Junior High kits take into account that students need to start taking more notes in class in these grade levels; therefore, we include two notebooks, writing utensils, highlighters, and a ruler. While student needs and classroom demands vary, the kits generally contain enough supplies to last a semester, and possibly a full school year.

The kits that also contain hygiene supplies are given out to homeless children as part of our partnership with Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services. In these extra special kits we include items such as soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss.

Below is a picture of our Primary and Elementary kits to show you what each child gets in their kits.



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At Back 2 School Illinois we are proud of the work we do and thankful that we are able to make a difference for the better in the lives of children. We are able to do so out of the

generosity of our sponsors. No matter the amount that is donated, we are grateful for each and every donation as each one means another student will get the supplies needed.

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Final Push for Kickoff Event's Silent Auction

We Need Your Help To Get Items Donated



Part of the way we raise funds to provide more school supplies to children from low-income families is through a silent auction at our kickoff dinner. We are looking for all kinds of items

such as:

• Restaurant Gift Certificates • Golf Outtings•Electronics•Spa Services•Artwork•Concert Tickets•Hotel Vouchers•Sports Memorabilia•Airline Tickets•Gift Baskets•Music Lessons•Wine & Spirits and the list goes on and on.

If you have anything you can donate or know someone who does, please have them contact our Events Coordinator KevinCarroll@b2si.org. We will be accepting donations for our Silent Auction through May.



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