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BEZTAK SPONSORS FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN-DETROIT'S TIME FOR THE CHILDREN GALA

Farmington Hills, Mich. May 23, 2023 – Last week, <u>Beztak Companies</u> was honored to be the VIP Reception Sponsor for <u>Friends of the Children-Detroit</u>'s Time for the Children Gala. The fundraiser took place on Thursday, May 18 at Shinola Hotel in Detroit, with WDIV/Channel 4 anchor Rhonda Walker serving as emcee and former Detroit Mayor and basketball hall of famer Dave Bing as the keynote speaker, and a performance by the Detroit Youth Choir.

Friends of the Children-Detroit, is a mentoring program that serves youth who have experienced various forms of trauma, including foster care. Their evidence-based mentoring program works with youth for 12+ years, starting from as early as Kindergarten through high school graduation, with the goal to end generational poverty.

During a fireside chat, Bing spoke about how positive influences in his childhood, namely his parents, helped shape the path of his life. "Without them, there's absolutely no way I would have had the success that I had or be the person I've become." Bing mentioned that when asked about speaking at the event, he wanted to do "something different" and talk about how different factors propel someone through life, which is where an organization like Friends of the Children-Detroit has seen proven success. The organization matches paid professional mentors one-to-one with children who are referred to the program through schools, the Department of Health and Human Services and other referral agencies, who think a child could benefit from having consistent positive guidance.

"Beztak's culture is centered around communication, growth, and unlimited possibility – values that we feel that Friends of the Children – Detroit truly embodies," said Sarah Oglesby-Battle, Beztak Residential Division President. "Our partnership with Friends of the Children- Detroit is one that our vendors, partners, associates, and even our residents get involved in, and we see incredible participation. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Friends of the Children-Detroit and furthering their efforts in redefining the youth mentoring field."

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