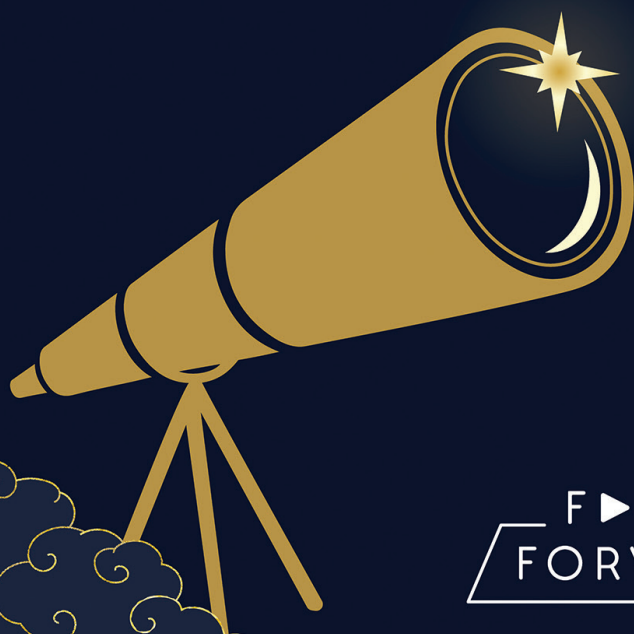




THE
Rocket Ball

Saturday, March 28, 2026
The Union Station Hotel St. Louis

MAGNIFYING
HOPE



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Who We Are

OUR MISSION

FamilyForward moves vulnerable children in the direction of hope by delivering comprehensive therapeutic and educational services to support biological, foster, and adoptive families.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

At FamilyForward, we are dedicated to making a transformative difference in the lives of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Through trauma-informed therapeutic services, we help children heal, empower families, and strengthen the communities around them. Our services are designed to meet the unique needs of each child and family we support.

In 2024, we served **5,546 children, families, and community members** through our comprehensive programs.

A FEW WAYS WE MADE A DIFFERENCE:

- ▶ We supported **601 clients and their families** with prevention and early intervention services, helping to mitigate the potential impacts of early childhood trauma.
- ▶ We provided **106 children** with occupational therapy services, addressing their sensory and motor skill needs.
- ▶ We supported **1,056 clients and families** by completing trauma assessments and psychological evaluations to develop individualized care plans.
- ▶ We supported **24 students** in our therapeutic preschool, providing a nurturing and structured space for growth and development.
- ▶ We invested in **6,285 hours** of therapy, including individual, family, and group sessions, to strengthen family relationships and promote healing.
- ▶ We Supported **1303 family members** navigating the foster care system by providing case management, training, and licensing services to support foster and adoptive families.



“... we tailor recommendations to each family's unique needs. Whether that's **Group Therapy** to offer additional social skills and give them interaction with other kids who've been in similar situations; **Caregiver Education** to explore the challenges they're facing at home and talk about how trauma has exacerbated some of those behaviors; or **Occupational Therapy** to support their sensory needs... it's about **MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE** and walking alongside them every step of the way.” - **Sophia Matthews, Therapist**

BREAKING THE CYCLE



Today, one in seven children will become a victim of abuse or neglect, perpetuating a cycle of intergenerational harm. Scan the QR code to discover how FamilyForward is actively working to break this cycle and support vulnerable children and families in St. Louis.





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SPONSOR LEVELS AND BENEFITS	Presenting \$25,000	Platinum \$15,000	Diamond \$10,000	Gold \$7,500	Silver \$5,000	Bronze \$3,500	Copper* \$1,000 <small>*individuals only</small>
Charitable deduction	\$20,740	\$10,740	\$7,160	\$4,660	\$3,580	\$2,080	\$832
Tables of 10 (seating)/# of tickets	3 (VIP)	3 (VIP)	2 (Preferred)	2	1	1	4 tickets
Name showcased in The Rocket Ball event graphic for all print and digital materials	★						
Company video on familyforwardmo.org/rocket-ball	★	★					
Digital ad on auction bidding site	★	★	★				
Verbal acknowledgement during The Rocket Ball	★	★	★	★			
Logo on familyforwardmo.org/rocket-ball and on-screen logo recognition during gala	★	★	★	★	★		
Sponsorship highlight on social media	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Sponsorship highlight on e-blast (distribution 7,000+)	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Name on familyforwardmo.org/rocket-ball and on-screen name recognition during gala	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Community Partner listing on familyforwardmo.org/major-donors	★	★	★	★	★	★	★

Pledge by November 20, 2025
for inclusion in the invitation.



Scan the QR code to learn
more about the Rocket Ball.



ROCKET BALL 2025

Rocket Ball 2025 brought together nearly 500 supporters for a powerful night of community, generosity, and impact, raising over \$650,000 to help children and families build safer, healthier relationships. As we look to Rocket Ball 2026, we invite you to become a FamilyForward sponsor. Your support directly funds trauma-informed care, mental health services, and family support programs that change lives. Join us in making a lasting difference, because every child in our community deserves safety, healing, and hope.



THE 2025 CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Pott Child Advocacy Award was presented to Vic Koury and his family in recognition of their support by providing their time, expertise, and generosity. We're forever grateful for their unwavering dedication to FamilyForward's mission and the children we serve. This award is given annually to an individual or group that exemplifies the spirit of the Pott family's dedication to helping children.



IMAGINING BRIGHTER FUTURES

"I can make a difference—if I'm given the chance to make a difference." FamilyForward gives that chance—to children, families, and communities



in crisis. We stand in the gap with compassion, trauma-informed care, and relentless commitment to healing. **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, TOO.** Scan the QR code to hear their voices—and become part of the change.



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FamilyForward is imagining futures for thousands of children and families in our community. Our annual Rocket Ball Gala is our largest fundraiser, and sponsorship is a vital component in the success of the event. By supporting The Rocket Ball, you allow us to focus on what we do best: helping children who have experienced developmental trauma live safer, healthier lives.

To learn more about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact Rae Kennedy at rae.kennedy@familyforwardmo.org or 314-968-2350 ext. 1643.

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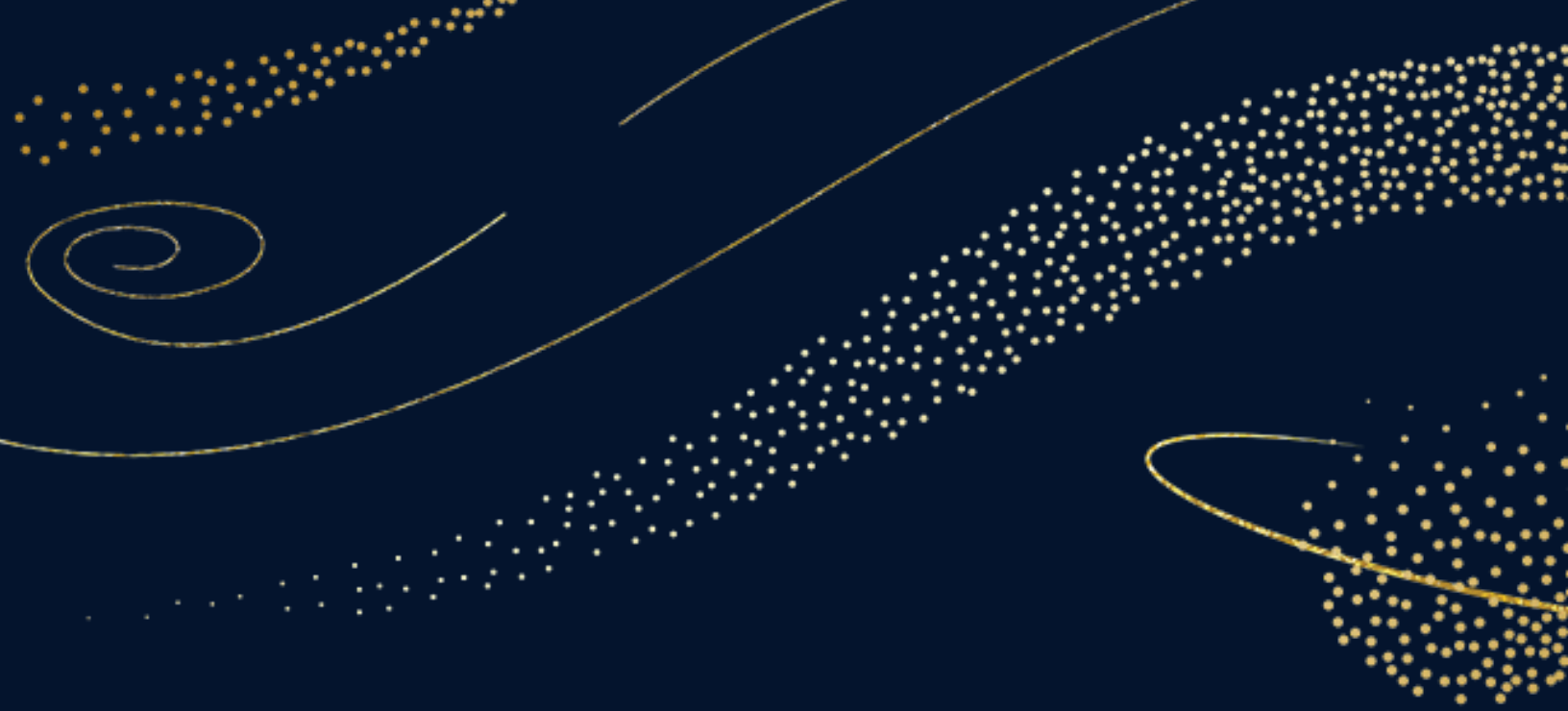
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OUR VISION

FamilyForward leads the community in providing innovative solutions for advancing safer, healthier relationships for children and families.



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