

A Knockout for Charity...

Catholic Charities Hosts Third Annual Charity Boxing Match the Patrick J. Ryan Main Event & Casino Night

Main Event to benefit Catholic Charities LOSS Program

Chicago, IL – Get a ringside seat! Join **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago** on **Friday, February 3rd**, for its third annual **charity boxing match, the Patrick J. Ryan Main Event & Casino Night**, to support the **Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS)** Program. The event was established by **former Attorney General of Illinois Jim Ryan and his wife Marie** and their family, after the loss of their son, Patrick J. Ryan, to suicide. Jim and Marie Ryan will act as co-chairs for the event again. National design star **Monica Pedersen** returns as the emcee this year. Pedersen lost her twin brother to suicide many years ago so this is a personal cause to her.

From 6-11 p.m. the **Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace** will be transformed into a boxing hub and will feature an **exciting night of 8-10 Golden Glove-style amateur boxing fights, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a raffle and ringside seating with dinner. NEW this year** will be the casino night portion of the event with craps, blackjack and roulette! Boxing has been a family tradition for the Ryans, starting with Jim Ryan Sr., who won the Middle Weight Golden Glove Championship in 1964. His sons, John, Jimmy and Matt Ryan, all grew up boxing.

“This event raises vital funds to support our Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program. The program provides free support and counseling to those who have lost a loved one to suicide and is the only one of its kind in the country,” said John Ryan, Chief of Staff for Catholic Charities.

This event will directly support the LOSS Program for Children and Youth, which specifically addresses the unique needs and emotions that children experience after losing a loved one to suicide. Since its inception in 2010, the program has helped more than 244 children and families.

Guests can purchase individual tickets or tables, or become a sponsor of the event, and enjoy cocktails, appetizers and dinner. All proceeds will go toward the LOSS Program. Tickets start at \$200, including dinner and drinks. Cocktail hour with casino games will begin at 6 p.m. with the first match being announced at 7 p.m.

The event would not be possible without sponsors East Lake Management & Development Corporation, Kate's Detective & Security Agency, W.S Darley & Co., Flood Brothers, Monterrey Security, Dutch Farms, Goode Foods, Happy Products and Chip & Ellen Mulaney.

For tickets, call [312-655-7290](tel:312-655-7290) or buy online at catholiccharities.net/pjrmainevent.

