

Gala benefits four charities

A First Leap for Charity gala will be at the newly remodeled showrooms of Imperial Motors Jaguar in Wilmette from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 29, 721 Green Bay Road, Wilmette. The evening will benefit the American Stroke Foundation, Cancer Wellness Center, Healthy Child Healthy World and PAWS Chicago (Pets are worth Saving). It will also celebrate the event's organizer, ABC Communications, Inc., of Glencoe, 25th Anniversary.

Additional free parking is at the Metra parking lots just east of Green Bay Road and London Limos Ltd will have shuttles to and from the parking lot and Imperial Motors with 2 rotating mini VIP Coaches to transport guests across the tracks

A flow of fine wines from Midwest Wineries, passed hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided by top area caterers and restaurants, and smiles will greet guests

as they flock into the showrooms at Imperial Motors Jaguar. There they will be treated to live music and a fashion show. The \$30 admission fee and all proceeds from a silent auction will benefit the four charities.

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American Stroke Foundation, started in 1997 to provide direct services for stroke survivors, is the only non-profit organization in the United States providing services for post rehab stroke survivors. Strokes are the third leading cause of death and number one cause of disability among adults. Every 45 seconds, someone in the United

States has a stroke.

Cancer Wellness Center is a non-profit organization that provides support services and health information free of charge for people diagnosed with cancer and their loved ones.

Based in Northbrook, it can show cancer suffers how to live better while living with cancer™. Whether a person or their loved one is newly diagnosed, in treatment or at any other place in the cancer experience, they'll learn about the resources and the programs the Center offers.

Healthy Child Healthy World is headquartered in Los Angeles and is dedicated to protecting the health and well being of children from harmful environmental exposures.

It educates parents, supports protective policies and engages communities in making responsible decisions, simple everyday

choices, and well-informed lifestyle improvements to create healthy environments where children and families can flourish.

PAWS Chicago (Pets are worth saving), founded in 1997, offers the animals it rescues a guarantee of life.

Every soul counts, and every animal has a unique story. It is Chicago's largest no-kill humane organization.

First Leap will also include an early bird raffle (call 800-838-3006 and the first 300 to make reservations will be entered into the drawing) for an all inclusive trip to Cancun provided by American Invesco Realty and their Novo Cancun Beach Marina & Golf Resort. Persons who make advance reservations for the event will be eligible for the drawing. Invsco will be at the event with information on its ocean front resort in

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Mexico's "best tourist resort and the most visited in Latin America." It offers impressive Caribbean views with panoramic towers for residences, condos and Villas.

A fashion show will be emceed by Pierre Lang from Hana K, Chicago's couture outerwear designer. Bobby Chi will present his breathtaking hand painted silks, and the show will include hip men's and woman's fashions from Enaz and Dalaj of Highland Park and exquisite jewelry from Hoffman Jewelers of Highland Park.

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