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## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for South Suburban Family Shelter

South Suburban Family Shelter will host a special gala to commemorate 30 years of providing comprehensive services to families who experience domestic violence in the South Cook County community. "Carnivale" will take place on May 22 at Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor, IL beginning at 7 PM. The Latin American inspired festivities will feature a street party atmosphere with strolling entertainment, a magician, Samba dancers and the Brazilian band Swing Brasileiro. WMAQ, Channel 5 news anchor, Dick Johnson, will emcee the event. Tickets are \$100 per person which includes dinner, entertainment and an open bar.

"This year the focus of the event is to celebrate all the successes and accomplishments of South Suburban Family Shelter. It will truly be a time to remember the thousands of families we have helped over the past 30 years, and honor the dedicated volunteers and staff who have contributed to our success", said event co-chairs Diane Kessler and Verlon Johnson.

During the evening, an audio-visual presentation will highlight SSFS's past 30 years of assisting victims of domestic violence, and recognize the efforts of the current and past board members who have helped the agency grow to what it is today.

In traditional Carnivale fashion, guests are encouraged to wear festive, colorful attire complete with a decorative mask. In another Carnivale twist, guests will have the chance to purchase colorful beads as part of a Gems Raffle for a chance to win one of 10 semi-precious stones. There will be a silent auction featuring an array of fabulous packages and items including sports tickets, getaways, jewelry and more!

For more information on becoming an event sponsor, to donate an auction item or purchase event or raffle tickets, contact Amy at 708-794-2140, ext.304. Tickets may be purchased online by visiting the SSFS website at: [www.ssfs1.org](http://www.ssfs1.org)