



Welcome!

I would like to welcome you once again to the Global Spine Outreach (GSO) Annual Gala Celebration! Our primary mission is to help children with disabling spinal deformities around the world, and teach local surgeons to treat their own patients. Together we build sustainable treatment models so that no child dies or becomes paralyzed from a treatable spinal condition such as scoliosis.



Scoliosis is a curve of the spine when viewed from the front. When treated early by experienced doctors, the curves can usually be managed conservatively. However, if left untreated, large curves can cause pain, paralysis, or early death. Unlike other medical conditions where donations are sought to help find a cure, doctors know how to manage scoliosis. In the United States severe consequences are very uncommon. However, in most nations there are not sufficient trained surgeons to manage the problem.

We work very hard so that Global Spine Outreach has the most comprehensive approach to spinal outreach in the world. In addition to regular week-long medical missions in Colombia, Poland, and Mexico, we organize yearly medical symposia attended by 80-100 local surgeons. Our next symposium is in Mexico City on October 22. To make all outreach safer and encourage specialized research, we in collaboration with the San Diego Spine Foundation, are building an electronic health record that we will offer to all outreach sites free of charge.

As always, our roots are in Burr Ridge, Illinois. Our community should be proud that such outstanding international efforts are based in their own back yard! Rest assured that all of our volunteers work free of charge, and every dollar of your donations goes directly to patient care and site development.

Thank you again for all of your support of Global Spine Outreach. Please help us spread our mission so we can help even more children with disabling spinal conditions.

Anthony Rinella, MD

President and Co-Founder, Global Spine Outreach

GSO Gala Partners

We Couldn't Do This Without You!

Gold







The Rinella Family
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Program Sites



Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 7:00am

Global Spine Outreach's Spinal Deformity Symposium

Mexico City, Mexico

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 8:30pm

Global Spine Outreach's Fundraising Reception

Mexico City, Mexico

October 29 to November 5, 2016

Mission Trip

Cali, Colombia

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 6:00pm

San Diego Spine Foundation & Global Spine Outreach's Gala Fundraiser

La Jolla, California

March 25 to April 1, 2017

Mission Trip

Monterrey, Mexico

April 2017 (dates TBD)

Mission Trip

Otwock, Poland

Our Mission

Global Spine Outreach (GSO)

transforms the lives of children with severe spinal deformities worldwide by performing state-of-the-art surgeries free of charge. We collaborate with local medical communities to build self-sustaining spine surgery centers of excellence. We enable surgeons to continually refine and sharpen their spine surgery skills through training and education provided by leading spine surgeons.



Our Vision

For every child with a severe spinal deformity to have access to life-transforming surgical care.

Values

Compassion

We treat each patient as we would our own child.



We empower and advocate for the communities we serve through the transfer of knowledge and skill.



We show respect for the culture and customs of the children and families we serve.



We model professional excellence, integrity, and quality of care.







Program

6:oopm

GSO's 3rd Annual Gala Fundraiser Begins – Auctions Open

7:00pm

Welcome & Introduction – Rob Johnson

7:10pm

Bridget Mortell, GSO Executive Director

7:20pm

Tony Rinella, GSO President and Co-founder

7:30pm

GSO Video Presentation

7:45pm

Brendan Cooney Live Art

8:05pm

Live Auction

8:30pm

Raffle Winner Announcement

9:00 - 11:00pm

Music and Dancing

10:30pm

Auction to Close

10:35pm

Auction Items Awarded

11:00pm

Gala Ends

Join Us on a Mission Trip to Cali, Colombia, May 20-29, 2007

From Vision to Mission: Join the GSO team and volunteers in Cali, Columbia. The first site since GSO inception, this mission trip is sure to be full of smiles, tears and above all else...**LOVE**. Be part of our vision and see first hand the amazing work done "on the ground". Dont miss out on an experience to fill the heart and mind and meet some of the selfless staff and wonderful children.

Silent Auction

Fall Basket

Ladies Package

101	Custom Stained Glass	409	Italian Basket 2
102	Custom Portrait Drawing	410	Puppy Basket
103	Spine Sculpture	411	Landmark Flooring
201	Lagunitas Sip & Spill Package	412	Custom Garments
301	Wine Package	501	Ultimate Bears Tailgate Package
302	Eat, Drink, Paint and Play Package	502	Blackhawks Package
303	Chicago Weekend	503	Chicago Cubs Infield Package
304	Date Night Package	504	Chicago Bulls Package
305	Lots of Laughs Package	505	Big Run Golf Basket
306	Chicago Date Night	506	Dick Butkus Package
307	Family Package	507	USA Rugby Basket
308	Umphrey's McGee Package	508	Baez Autographed Flag
309	Personal Yacht Cruise	509	Anthony Rizzo Autographed
310	Cooking Class		Picture
311	Studio Package	510	Addison Russell Autographed Picture and Chicago Cubs W
312	Grand Geneva Getaway		Flag
313	Napa Cult Wine Package	511	Ozzie Guillen Ball
314	Topax Private Dinner	512	Bobby Hull Autographed Jersey
401	Italian Basket 1	513	Women's Golf Package
402	Lifestyle Package	601	Beauty Basket
403	American Girl	602	Rodan & Fields Redefine 1
404	Kids Tools and Trucks	603	Fitness Package
405	Home Improvement	604	Rodan & Fields 2
406	Ladies Luxury Basket		

Live Auction

Chicago Bulls vs. Brooklyn Nets: Private Suite

Host up to 10 people in a private box at the December 28th game!

Whether entertaining business clients or socializing with family and friends, enjoy first-class sports combined with comfort and superior service. Not only are you able to enjoy the game from the comfort of a box, food and beverages are included as well.

Add this item to your Christmas Functions List!







A Night To Remember: Girl & The Goat private dinner for 25 people

A private dinner party like no other. Located at the Famous Girl & Goat this private dinner hosts a world class menu by Stephanie Izard of Bravo Top Chef fame. This is delivered in a casual, converted-loft environment with unadorned wood tables and painted concrete floors, illuminated by mounted spotlights, dangling Edison bulbs and some nifty tube lights over the bar.







A Fighting Chance to Watch the Fighting Irish: Accommodations and 50 yard line seats for four to a Norte Dame Home Game

You and your guests can experience College Football at its finest! Four Club Seats on the 50 yard line of a 2017 home Notre Dame football game as well as a stay in a 4 bedroom townhome situated within walking distance of the newly renovated stadium.







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Rob Johnson

is the principal news anchor of the CBS 2 Chicago news. He joined CBS 2 Chicago in August 2006 from WLS-TV where he worked since 1998 as an anchor and reporter. Rob has won multiple Emmy Awards for his extensive news coverage and has received numerous awards for his body of work. Rob dedicates much of his personal time for organizations that support people with disabilities. On September 22, 2011, Governor Pat Quinn



proclaimed it "Rob Johnson Day" in Illinois, as recognition for his advocacy for people with disabilities.

Brendan Cooney

Art brought to LIFE! Brendan Cooney, a Chicago native, started his artistic career as a youth, with works rooted in graffiti and contemporary urban art. He attended various art programs with much encouragement from his art influenced family. Namely his uncle Brother Joseph McNally, a world renowned sculptor and his mother who Brendan assisted with the running of a family owned gallery in his late teens. Bold, Imaginative and visionary are but a few words to describe Brendan's work.



We are pleased and excited to have Brendan attend this years Gala and showcase his amazing talent LIVE! All paintings created will be available for the Live Auction portion of the evening. Don't miss the opportunity to own a Cooney Original!



Bidding Instructions

Register

To place bids, purchase items, or make a donation, register your cell phone with a Gesture staff member in GREY. Gesture staff members are also available as "Personal Shoppers" should you prefer to bid/buy/donate through them.

Buy

Scroll down to the "Available for Purchase" category to view items you can buy instantly! Or reply to any mesmessage from Gesture with the word BUY and the item number.

EXAMPLE: BUY 106

Donate

Simply click the donate button "\$" on your Smartphone and enter an amount, or reply to any message from GeGesture with the word GIVE and an amount.

EXAMPLE: GIVE 100

Bid

Via SmartPhone

Click the **BLUE** link in the welcome text message to view your personal bidding page. You can search by category at the top and bottom of the screen. Select any item to view its description and place a bid. The Gesture system repopulates the minimum bid required. If you'd like to bid higher than the minimum bid, just enter a new amount and click **BID**.

To have the Gesture System automatically bid for you, select AUTO, enter the amount you wish to bid up to, then select BID. The system will bid incrementally up to the designated amount each time someone bids against you. If no one bids against you, the minimum bid will remain.

Via Text

To see the current bid on an item, reply to any message from Gesture with the item's 3-digit item number. The Gesture system will notify you of the current bid, as well as the minimum bid required.

EXAMPLE: 102

If you wish to place a bid on the item, reply with the 3-digit item number and the amount you would like to bid. No dollar sign (\$) needed.

EXAMPLE: 102 300

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