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Dear Friends,

We're delighted you've joined us to celebrate the 7th Anniversary of the Child Wellness Institute (ChildWIN®). Congratulations to our outstanding Honorees: Sherri Anderson, Barbara Cali, and Jody Joseph Bongiovi for their dedication to children's well-being in their communities.

We thank our Board of Directors, Emcee and friend Bert Baron, Gala Committee, and employees for their energy, time, and commitment to ensuring our gala is a success. We appreciate the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and attendees. Everyone connected to ChildWIN® and our parent organization Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey helps us create an ecosystem of prevention and build resilience and social-emotional health in children and families. Your support is invaluable - it helps ensure that children are safe, supported, and nurtured.



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Gina Hernandez
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Agenda

6 PM - 7:45 PM

ARRIVAL/REGISTRATION,
DINNER, SOCIALIZING

8:30 PM

AUCTION

9:00 PM

DESSERT AND COFFEE

7:45 PM

WELCOME

8:45 PM

BOARD PRESIDENT REMARKS

9:15 PM

SILENT AUCTION ENDS
CHECKOUT OPENS

8:00 PM

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

8:55 PM

50/50 DRAWING

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BERT BARON

A New Jersey native and lifelong resident, Bert Baron is a New Jersey Broadcasters Association Radio Hall of Fame Inductee & award-winning writer, producer & podcaster.

Over a career that spanned 25+ years in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania radio, Bert has garnered a nomination for an industry-celebrating Marconi Award from the National Association of Broadcasters as 'Best Large Market Personality'; and won more than a dozen JERSEY Awards from the New Jersey Advertising Club, including the prestigious "Best of Radio" award.

Bert is Board Vice Chair of the New Jersey Broadcasters Association and co-host and producer of the B-Inspired podcast and vidcast series. He serves as a consultant/advisor and producer/editor on other special projects including "Mobility Matters" with Keep Middlesex Moving and "TSG Time" with TSG Performance.

Bert recently joined Abilities of Northwest Jersey, a nonprofit providing direct supports for individuals with disabilities, as the Mission Engagement Specialist.

Honoring



Sherri Anderson

Sherri is Founding Director of Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra, a values-driven ensemble committed to fostering equity, empathy, and excellence in music. Sherri has focused on creating safe, inclusive, and accessible learning environments for young musicians — particularly those from underserved and low-income backgrounds. At the heart of Stretto's mission is the belief that children develop empathy and leadership through community. The ensemble unites students across socioeconomic, racial, and religious backgrounds, including youth in foster care and children living in poverty. Instead of fostering competition, the program cultivates mentorship, service, and mutual care as the foundation for leadership.

Honoring



Jody Joseph Bongiovi

Jody is the Founder and lead instructor of Heartstrings, a music program that encompasses artist development to enhance lives, especially for those who are economically disadvantaged and potentially at-risk. Participants experience positive reinforcements and the power of music healing, one heartstring at a time. Heartstrings offers scholarships to those who cannot afford to participate, so that all youth may experience the power of music. For 3 decades Jody has mentored students in their vocal and artist development. Through Jody Joseph Music, Jody hosts live and virtual performances to allow her students to shine on stage and share their talents.

Honoring



Barbara Cali

Barbara is a lifelong children's advocate and served with distinction on the Board of Directors of ChildWIN® (and PCA-NJ) for 12 years, including nine as Secretary. A retired management executive with expertise in commercial real estate and construction, Barbara is also a historian and published author. Barbara is a tireless ambassador who attended countless meetings, community events, and fundraisers over the years to ensure our stability and success in meeting our mission. Barbara shares our vision that every child should be nurtured in a happy, healthy, and safe childhood.

Student Ambassador



Allen Pikus

Allen Pikus graduates in 2026 from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and plans to attend Medical School. He is an active member of GlobeMed, a student-led organization committed to supporting organizations locally and internationally to mobilize resources for global health and to create change in health equity and social justice.

Allen learned about PCA-NJ and ChildWIN® and devoted his senior year to raising funds. He led a 5K, basketball tournament, peer-to-peer online campaign and on-campus events collectively raising nearly \$10,000 in support of children's well-being.

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About Us



We lead school personnel on the journey to develop a trauma-informed lens to better support children and families. With your support, we've reached more than 10,000 educators who teach thousands of students. Our Youth Resilience Program helps students learn communication skills, set goals, and build resilience. We connect community leaders with underserved youth who benefit from mentorship.

With your generous support, Gala proceeds will enable us to expand our services, reaching more children and families.

Our Mission



Prevent Child Abuse
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ChildWIN®

The Child Wellness Institute builds resilience and social-emotional health in children and families.

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Salute the 2026 Outstanding Honorees:

Sherri Anderson

Barbara Cali

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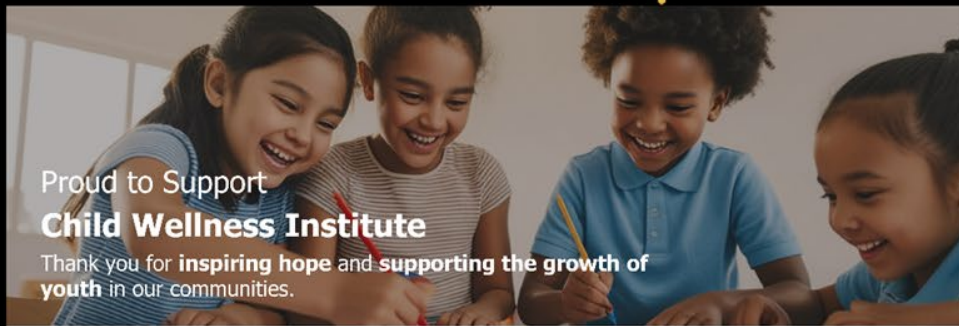
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*Jody Joseph Bongiovi,
Sherri Anderson,
& Barbara Cali*

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and building resilience has made a lasting
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