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## THE CHICAGO YACHT CLUB HOSTS THE 2019 CHICAGO REGATTA PRESENTED BY WINTRUST FOR CHARITY

*The Chicago Regatta is raising funds for three Chicagoland charities devoted solely to helping children: SOS Children's Villages Illinois; the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital; and the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation*

**August 28, 2019 (Chicago, IL) – The 2019 Chicago Regatta presented by Wintrust** offers a day of exciting races on Lake Michigan. This year marks the third annual Chicago Regatta for charity hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 14**, and will raise funds for three Chicagoland charities devoted solely to helping children: SOS Children's Villages Illinois; the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital; and the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation.

One of the benefitting organizations, SOS Children's Village Illinois, is a non-profit, child-welfare agency that helps at-risk youth and children in foster care. With four locations throughout the Chicagoland area, SOS Illinois, was able to transform the lives of over 500 children last year, and provide family strengthening services to more than 130 families in need. SOS Illinois has helped children break the cycle of poverty, homelessness, and incarceration allowing them to instead become productive, self-reliant adults.

"We are proud to support the work of SOS Illinois, which makes a meaningful difference in the lives of so many Chicago-area kids," shared Greg Miarecki, Chicago Regatta Chairman. "And through the Chicago Regatta, we also hope to increase the visibility of this important work."

The Chicago Regatta presented by Wintrust and hosted by Chicago Yacht Club, offers something for everyone who enjoys being on the water: buoy racing, a 15 - 25 mile distance race for true competitors, a casual race for cruising boats, a fast and fun poker run for power boats, and a Dragon Force 65 Regatta that takes place immediately following the race events.

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“This event provides opportunities for our children to participate in activities, like sailing, that they may not have before experienced,” said SOS Illinois CEO Tim McCormick. “We are grateful for the ongoing partnership of the Chicago Yacht Club and Wintrust because it reminds our children there is a larger community of support beyond our Villages dedicated to helping them each achieve a healthier, stronger, and more fulfilling lifestyle.”

Following the events on the water, racers, power boaters, and landlubbers alike are invited to the **Sweet Home Chicago Dock Party** at Chicago Yacht Club’s Monroe Station immediately following the races. Party-goers will indulge on Chicago-famous foods, mingle, and place bids at the **silent auction**. Then they’ll dance the night away on the club’s patio with the sounds of Blues, R&B, and Soul by the **Sons of Chicago**.

The overall winners of the Chicago Regatta will have their names inscribed on the prestigious Chicago Regatta Trophy, presented by the Pinnacle Foundation. Other awards will be presented as well.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the Chicago Regatta. **Click here** for details and perks of being a sponsor or donor.

Members of Chicago Yacht Club, **click here** to purchase tickets for the 'Sweet Home Chicago' Dock Party.

Non - Members, **click here** to purchase tickets to the 'Sweet Home Chicago' Dock Party.

## [About SOS Children’s Villages Illinois:](#)

SOS Children’s Villages Illinois, founded nearly 30 years ago, is a 501(c)3 child welfare agency that provides an individual licensed home in a supportive, community environment that marshals all the resources needed to help children heal and achieve their permanency goals. The Village Model of Care prioritizes the following: 1) Children live together with their siblings, 2) Children receive care and support from a full-time, professionally trained and licensed Foster Parent 3) Children thrive in a private, single-family home, 4) Children are supported by the Village, designed as an intentional community of care; and 5) The entire family is supported through our Family Strengthening Services to keep families in-tact whenever possible.

SOS Children's Villages Illinois unites brothers and sisters in foster care and provides a safe space to heal for at-risk youth. Currently, the organization operates four sites: three Villages providing sibling group foster care at an 18-home Village (opened in 1993) in Lockport, Illinois; a 19-home Village (opened in 2004) in the Auburn Gresham, Englewood neighborhood of Chicago; a 14-home Village (opened in 2014) in the Roosevelt Square Community of Chicago, as well as Casa Tepeyac (acquired in 2011), a facility that offers preventative and in-home services in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago.

SOS Children’s Villages Illinois celebrates a 100% high school graduation rate, compared to a national average of 50% for children in foster care. In November 2015, *Chicago Magazine* named SOS Children’s

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Villages Illinois one of the “Best Charities in Chicago.” For more information on SOS Children’s Villages Illinois visit: [sosillinois.org](http://sosillinois.org).

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