<u>Tulane Medicine & Tulane Doctors Join in Sweet</u> <u>Celebration for Children's Hospital New Orleans</u>

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<u>Children's Hospital New Orleans</u> is hosting its 42nd annual Sugarplum Ball to celebrate "How Sweet It Is" to deliver world-class healthcare for Louisiana's children. Amidst a backdrop of twinkling lights and enchanting decorations, families, supporters, and hospital staff come together for an evening of celebration and philanthropy.

The Sugarplum Ball has become a cherished tradition in the city, symbolizing hope and healing for children facing medical challenges. Since the very first Sugarplum Ball in 1981, Children's Hospital New Orleans has raised more than \$11.2 million to further the hospital's mission, expand essential programs and services, advance technology, innovate healthcare delivery, and provide expert care for every child, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

At its essence, the Sugarplum Ball is a celebration of hope—a chance to honor the resilience of young patients and their families while raising critical funds for the hospital's ongoing initiatives. Beyond its financial impact, the Sugarplum Ball holds a deeper significance for the hospital and its supporters. It serves as a powerful symbol of unity—a reminder that when individuals come together with a common purpose, they can create profound change in the lives of others.

The Sugarplum Ball will be held at Mardi Gras World of March 23, 2024. Tulane University School of Medicine/Tulane Doctors, the <u>Department of Pediatrics</u>, and <u>Samir El-Dahr, MD</u>, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Jane B. Aron Professor of Medicine, are proud to be sponsors of the event. The attire is black tie optional, and tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information and to buy tickets, <u>click here</u>.