

CHRIS Kids CHRISal Ball™ Fact Sheet

CHRISal Ball™ Quick Facts:

- The Eighth Annual CHRISal Ball™ is being held to raise funds for CHRIS Kids Inc.'s mission is to heal children, strengthen families and build community.
- Jovita Moore of Channel 2 WSB-TV will emcee this year's CHRISal Ball™, Tad Hutcheson of AirTran Airways will serve as chair and Ashley Rhodes-Courter, celebrated foster children's advocate and author, will be the keynote speaker.
- Each year, CHRIS Kids, Inc. presents the prestigious CHRISal Vision Award to a dedicated individual and corporate partner. The awards this year are focused on women who have a difference in the lives of children and youth. The Circle for Children, a distinguished organization with more than seventy years of service to children and youth will this year's corporate award. Ashley Rhodes-Courter will receive the individual award.
- The elegant black tie CHRISal Ball™ is held at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead and is attended by a broad spectrum of Atlanta society.
- The CHRISal Ball™ is the CHRIS Kids' top annual fundraising event, with sponsorships, ticket sales and silent auction funds all directly benefiting the charity.
- The CHRISal Ball™ begins with champagne, wine and hors d'oeuvres served while guests peruse the silent auction items. Then the elegantly attired crowd is served a gourmet dinner, while each table bids amongst itself for a pair of AirTran Business Class tickets.
- The CHRISal Ball™ silent auction consists of high end donations from local businesses and individuals and includes travel, household furnishings, designer and custom made jewelry, clothing and a lot more!
- The 2008 CHRISal Ball™ will feature live entertainment by well-known local jazz artists Kayla Taylor Jazz.
- The Eighth Annual CHRISal Ball™ gala event takes place Saturday, September 27, 2008 starting at 7:00 PM at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead.
- CHRISal Ball™ Tickets cost \$225 per person and \$2,500 for a table of ten. Corporate sponsorships range from \$3,000 to \$25,000 and include numerous community relations benefits.

CHRISal Ball™ Quick Facts: About the CHRISal Ball Keynote Speaker, Ashley Rhodes-Courter

- Ashley Rhodes-Courter is this year's recipient of the prestigious CHRISal Vision Award. This award is presented each fall to recognize outstanding leadership and service to the children, youth, and families in the State of Georgia with special emotional, residential and mental health needs.
- Ashley Rhodes-Courter was born in North Carolina in 1985 and entered foster care in 1989. Over the next nine years, she lived in 14 placements before being adopted at age 12 by Phil and Gay Courter of Crystal River, Florida.
- Ashley just graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida where she was the recipient of Eckerd's Trustee's Scholarship, their most prestigious full-tuition award. She has won several other national and local scholarships. She completed a double major in communications and drama with a double minor in political science and psychology.
- Ashley was the 2004 Youth Advocate of the Year for the North American Council on Adoptable Children and won the Child Welfare League of America Kids to Kids National Service Grand Prize. In 2004, she and her family jointly won the Angels in Adoption from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute and nominated by Congresswoman, Ginny Brown-Waite.
- On June 1, 2003, the New York Times Magazine published her grand prize winning essay (out of 3000 high school entries) about her adoption day. She expanded her essay into the memoir, Three Little Words, which has just been published by Simon & Schuster.
- In 2007 she was one of 20 college students selected for the USA Today All-USA Academic Team. She also was one of the four GOLDEN BRICK Award winners for outstanding advocacy by Do Something, and was named one of GLAMOUR Magazine's Top Ten College Women.
- Ashley has been featured on Montel Williams, Good Morning America, and other national and local television shows. She has done over 100 speeches, mostly paid, including more than 25 keynotes. She has a passion to tell her story and share hope with other foster children and encourage adoption and permanency.

CHRISal Ball™ Quick Facts: About the Circle for Children

- The Circle has contributed to worthy children's organizations for more than 70 years. This volunteer charitable organization aids, encourages, and promotes the education and welfare of children in Metropolitan Atlanta and the State of Georgia. CHRIS Kids, Inc. began its partnership in 2005. In addition to generous financial gifts from their annual gala, members of The Circle have

supported our children with college scholarships, and have undertaken many special projects, working directly with the children.

- Established in 1927 as The Young Matrons' Circle for Tallulah Falls School by the late Mrs. Preston Arkwright, Sr. and Mrs. John K. Ottley, The Circle was originally organized to give money to Tallulah Falls School in Tallulah Falls, Georgia, and emotional support to its students. This school began as a one room schoolhouse to educate rural mountain children.
- The 2008 President is Chris Crawford, and the Ball Chair for 2008 Shirley Whitmire.
- In 1995, the membership voted to change its name to The Circle for Children. This change enabled the organization to expand its focus to serve other deserving children's organizations, as well as to fund scholarships for graduating Tallulah Falls School students in need of financial aid for higher learning.
- The Circle today carries on a rich tradition of giving aid and encouragement to disadvantaged children in Georgia, helping to fill the gap between government and civic funding.

CHRISTal Ball™ Quick Facts: About the CHRISTal Ball Emcee, Jovita Moore

- Jovita Moore is the Emmy Award winning anchor of the 5 p.m. newscast on Channel 2 Action News.
- Jovita is a native New Yorker where she earned a Master's Degree in Journalism from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in literature, from Bennington College in Bennington, Vermont.
- In 2007, Jovita was named to the list of 40 Under 40 by Georgia Trend magazine and is a member of Leadership Atlanta's Class of 2007.
- Jovita currently sits on the Boards of the Center for the Visually Impaired, Dress for Success and the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra. She is a past Vice President / Broadcast for the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists and she is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Atlanta as well as a former member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Greater Atlanta.
- Dedicated to helping communities around the metro Atlanta area, Jovita donates countless hours working with civic associations, hosting events for community agencies and mentoring students.

- Jovita is a member of Outstanding Atlanta's Class of 2004 and has also been featured in Jezebel's 50 Most Beautiful.

CHRISal Ball™ Quick Facts: About the CHRISal Ball Host, Tad Hutcheson

- Tad Hutcheson is Vice President of Marketing and Sales with AirTran Airways, Diamond Sponsor of the CHRISal Ball™ 2008.
- A native of Lookout Mountain, TN, Tad graduated from The McCallie School in Chattanooga. He received a bachelor of arts from King College where he majored in both French literature and business administration. In addition, he completed international marketing studies at St. Peter's College, Oxford University and the International Business Institute in Europe. Tad also earned an MBA from Wake Forest University.
- As a public speaker, Tad has delivered key addresses at the Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism, the Public Relations Society of America Conference, the American Marketing Association, and the American Association of Advertising Agencies. In addition, Hutcheson frequently lectures on business related issues at schools such as Emory University, Georgia State, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest University and The Wharton School of Business.
- Tad is a graduate of Bristol Leadership Tomorrow and Leadership Atlanta. He serves as Chairman of the Board of Leadership Atlanta and belongs to several professional organizations such as ASTA, AASMA, NAAPRA, NBTA, and SKAL. In addition, he serves on several marketing advisory boards such as the Orlando / Orange County Convention and Visitors' Bureau marketing committee.
- Tad is involved in the Atlanta community where he serves on the Boards of the Atlanta Business League, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, King College, Leadership Atlanta, the Metro Atlanta Arts and Culture Commission, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and Oglethorpe University. And the Atlanta Airport Rotary Club has named Tad a Paul Harris Fellow.