

# THE **BIG LEAP** ANNUAL BENEFIT



January 12, 2026

**Dear Brickton Family,**

We are pleased to announce Brickton Montessori School's Annual Benefit, **The Big Leap**, will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2026** at Fountain Blue Banquet and Conference Center, Des Plaines.

This annual fundraiser is an opportunity to join fellow Brickton Montessori families and friends for an evening of food, drinks, and music, mixed with fundraising and socializing.

Year after year, the popular 'Wine and Dine' game is featured at the benefit. For our new families, this is a simple grab bag game. With a \$50 donation to Brickton, you receive a bag with a bottle of wine (valued at \$10 +) and a gift certificate worth \$50 from a local restaurant. This is a great way to plan for a night out! Our annual benefit committee is asking Brickton families to help gather local restaurant gift certificates and bottles of wine.

We would like to show our gratitude to all the families who participate in procurement by offering a benefit ticket (valued at \$175) as a raffle prize! Here is how you can earn raffle tickets:

- Each bottle of wine valued at \$10 = 1 raffle ticket
- Each \$50 restaurant gift certificate = 2 raffle tickets

Please submit all donations to Kelly McDermott (in the main office) no later than Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> The raffle drawing for the free ticket will be Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> .

So, the next time you look at that 'Save the Date', think about earning yourself a chance to attend The Big Leap for FREE this year! There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets you can earn.

**Thank you for your help!**

**Sincerely,**

**Kelly McDermott  
Director of Advancement**



**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 2, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

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