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Art of Making Miracles Sept. 14

The Makenna Foundation will hold its 12th annual Art of Making Miracles event from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14.

Sponsored by RE/MAX Creative Realty and Kentucky Children's Hospital, the fund-raiser will take place on the grounds of RE/MAX Creative Realty at the corner of Palumbo Drive and Man o' War Boulevard. Proceeds benefit the Makenna Foundation, which continues to provide equipment and expansion assistance for Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Tickets are \$75 each and are available online at MakennaFoundation.com or by calling (859) 422-2010. They also may be purchased for \$85 each at the door.

The Art of Making Miracles is the Makenna Foundation's longest running fund-raiser and has been held every year since 2001.

The Art of Making Miracles is a rain-or-shine event. Five large tents will be set up on the property with plenty of room to mingle inside and outside each one. Highlights of the evening include a silent and a live auction, live entertainment and food. Approximately 800 people are expected to attend this year's event.

The silent auction will feature approximately 150 items up for bid in the following categories:

- Entertainment and Sporting Events
- For the Home
- Health and Beauty
- Wine and Wine
- Kids Korner
- Novelty and Miscellaneous

Auctioneer Mike Gooch, of Gooch Auction Services, will take charge of the live auction as models showcase each item while information for each is displayed on a large screen. The Art of Making Miracles is known for its quantity of sports memorabilia in the live and silent auctions.

The Makenna Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in September 2001 in loving memory of Makenna David, who died of a rare lung disease in 1998 when she was 20 months old. The Makenna Foundation has raised more than \$1.3 million for the Kentucky Children's Hospital at the University of Kentucky by providing equipment and assistance needed for hospital expansion.



Homeseller 15th Anniversary

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Rain Garden Tour set for Sept. 9

The Bluegrass Pride 6th Annual Rain Garden Tour will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. It is co-hosted by the Lexington chapter of Wild Ones/Native Plants, Natural Landscapes and the Bluegrass Rain Garden Alliance, an affiliate of Bluegrass Pride.

The tour, which is free and open to the public, features three small residential rain gardens and three large institutional rain gardens. Donations to benefit environmental work are welcome.

The six rain gardens can be accessed at any of three addresses listed below. At each address, more detailed information, maps and refreshments will be available.

■ The owners of the property at 507 Chinoe Road integrated a rain garden into the overall design of their back yard, making it part of a sweeping bed that they have begun to plant with shrubs, ornamental grasses and flowers. The idea of catching rainwater from the roof of their house made so much sense to them that they added a second rain garden in front.

■ At 325 Glendover Road, a French drain was built to mitigate problems with flooding so common in that neighborhood. A small, 2-foot-deep basin was dug immediately adjacent to the house. It is filled with coarse pebbles and surrounded by plantings. The basin forms a significant and attractive element in the redesign of the back-yard garden, which borders the Arboretum. Through a private gate, tour participants can visit the large Arboretum rain garden with its mature native plantings, also built to reduce flooding in the Glendover area.

■ The Bluegrass Coca-Cola Bottling company at 2275 Leestown Road launched a water retention project six years ago with a rain garden designed in the shape of an old-style Coca-Cola bottle. An industrial site like this, where large roofs and parking lots create multiple impervious surfaces, presents obvious opportunities for capturing run-off water and directing it into beautiful low maintenance gardens. To that end, the company added a second rain garden and established itself as a leader in environmental landscape design for Lexington.

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