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## Kids In Danger honors Shawn Kasserman with KID's Best Friend Award

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Kids In Danger (KID), a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by improving children's product safety, will hold their **Best Friend Award Night** May 23, 2013 at Fulton's on the River in Chicago.

At the event, KID will honor *Shawn Kasserman* with the Best Friend Award. Kasserman, Partner at Tomasik Kotin Kasserman, served as counsel for Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar in their lawsuit against the manufacturer and licensor of the portable crib that killed their son Danny. "Shawn's commitment to the cause did not stop with the case," stated Nancy Cowles, Executive Director. "He continues to be an effective voice in support of child product safety throughout all of his endeavors at work and as a board member of Kids In Danger."

The reception includes the award presentation with remarks from KID cofounders and Mr. Kasserman as well as a live and silent auction, raffle, and small plate offerings from chefs.

Prominent Chicago chefs are lending excitement to the event by showcasing select tasting dishes. Chefs this year include: Vicente Duran of Vivo, Tony Hsu of Lao18, Jess DeGuzman of Sunda, Kevin Schulz of Fulton on the River, Luca Corazzina of 312 Chicago, Mike McDermott of Smoque, and Samantha Kendall of Sam's Gourmet Lasagna.

The event promises to be celebratory and heartwarming. The local community has expressed strong support with sponsors including <u>Toys"R"Us Children's</u> <u>Fund, Exelon, GATX, Turano Baking Company</u> and many individuals who came together as the event Host Committee with event chair Lisa Turano Solano.

Chicagoans Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar founded KID in 1998 after their sixteen-month-old son, Danny, died in a recalled portable crib. KID's mission is to *promote* the development of safer children's products, *advocate* for children and *educate* the public about dangerous juvenile products. All proceeds directly benefit the work of Kids In Danger. More information is available at <u>KidsInDanger.org</u>

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