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Calm Waters Center for Children and Families Announces 8th Annual *Under the Big Top* Event

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – Calm Waters Center for Children and Families, a nonprofit providing free grief support services to children and families on their grief journey in Oklahoma City Metro Area, will host their 8th annual carnival-style fundraising event, **Under the Big Top** on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma City Farmer’s Market at 311 S Klein, Oklahoma City, OK 73108.

“**Under** the Big Top is our largest fundraiser and guests always tell us it’s the most fun, interactive fundraiser in Oklahoma City,” said Erin Engelke, Calm Waters Executive Director.

Under the Big Top features carnival performers with stilt-walkers and jugglers from Inspyral Circus, The Flying Okie aerialists, and magician Jonathan Meyer. There will be a raffle hosted by the Raffle Queens, two drag queen entertainers.

“Entertainment is a key focus of this event, and we love to bring in exciting performers to wow the crowd.” Engelke explained. “I can’t wait to see all of these unique acts in one place, creating a wildly fun carnival atmosphere at an over-the-top event.”

Event attendees will purchase game tickets to play the many carnival games, including Plinko, Balloon Pop, Punch Wall and putt-putt. Game prizes are gift cards and items valued \$10 - \$100 from local Oklahoma City businesses and organizations. There will also be a wine walk in which players can win bottles of wine as well as and a jewelry pull where guests can win Kendra Scott jewelry pieces.

“Calm Waters’ Under the Big Top event creates a unique atmosphere filled with fun, games and prizes, anyone can participate and support the organization,” said previous event attendee Catherine Divis. “The night features amazing entertainment and brings back the wonder of being a kid again. This is a great way to support Calm Waters’ and their mission.”

Further in line with the theme is the carnival-style food, gourmet heavy appetizers provided by catering company Kam’s Kookery along with an open bar.

While the event is fun and games, it is also essential to the non-profit’s operations. “Without Under the Big Top, Calm Waters could not afford to provide services to those in the Metro area. Grief touches all of our lives, and we are honored to help our clients through those times,” Engelke said.

All proceeds from Under the Big Top will benefit Calm Waters programming. In addition to free grief and divorce support groups both in the agency's center and more than 250 local schools, Calm Waters offers private counseling, community partnerships and co-parenting seminars. This event will allow Calm Waters to provide vital mental health services to those who are experiencing grief or suffering a traumatic loss.

Tickets and sponsorships are available online at [CalmWaters.org/underthebigtop2022](https://calmwaters.org/underthebigtop2022) or by calling 405-841-4800. Individual tickets are \$100 and sponsorship levels start at \$500. All proceeds benefit grieving children and families in our community.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, tickets and prizes visit calmwaters.org/underthebigtop2022 or contact Abby Sholar at abby@calmwaters.org or call 405-841-4800.

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Calm Waters Center for Children and Families provides free grief support services for children and families on their grief journey caused by death, divorce or other significant loss. Since beginning in 1992, Calm Waters has served more than 40,000 individuals across the Greater OKC Metro Area through Center and School Based Support Groups. For more information about Calm Waters and their services, visit www.calmwaters.org or call 405-841-4800. Calm Waters is a proud United Way of Central Oklahoma Partner Agency.