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Chicago Youth Programs Announces PPM America and Jackson as Presenting Sponsors of Annual Hope Gala

PPM America and Jackson have signed on as Presenting Sponsors of Chicago Youth Programs Annual Hope Gala to raise funds for supporting Chicago's at-risk youth

CHICAGO, IL – April 12, 2018 – Chicago Youth Programs (CYP), a Chicago nonprofit with the goal of empowering youth to escape poverty by attaining the skills and degree necessary to attain financial independence, today announces that PPM America (PPM) & Jackson National Life Insurance Company® (Jackson®) have expanded their longtime support of the organization to become the presenting sponsors of the Annual Hope Gala. PPM America (PPM), a client-focused investment manager, and Jackson, a leading provider of retirement products, have both been integral corporate partners for Chicago Youth Programs since 1994 providing over \$400,000 in cumulative support that has been spearheaded by the involvement of PPM America President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Mandich, who has been on CYP's Board of Directors for over 24 years.

Specifically, CYP provides over 30 comprehensive programs to at-risk youth, ages birth-25, living in the Washington Park, Near North/Cabrini Green, and Uptown/Rogers Park, and North Lawndale neighborhoods. CYP is dedicated to serving those least likely to have access to support. These neighborhoods have some of the highest rates of youth living in poverty out of all 77 of Chicago's neighborhoods. In Washington Park, CYP's largest community program, 86% of children below the age of 18 are growing up in poverty. The need and isolation poverty creates, combined with underfunded schools and a lack of affordable after school or summer programs, feed into a cycle of poverty that is difficult to escape.

CYP hosts an annual event to generate support for these at-risk youth who have tremendous potential. This year's Hope Gala will be held on May 17, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Prudential Plaza's scenic roof deck in downtown Chicago. The event brings together Chicago's corporate and philanthropic communities in a fun, celebratory setting to honor these deserving young people. Over 250 attendees are expected.

Cinaiya Stubbs, CYP Executive Director, said, "We are thrilled to partner with PPM America and Jackson to expand the reach of our mission. PPM America and Jackson are not only leaders on the corporate philanthropic stage in Chicago, but across the country. Their long-time support has allowed CYP to provide countless opportunities for deserving children in many of Chicago's toughest neighborhoods."

"CYP's commitment to supporting the underserved youth in Washington Park transforms lives and makes a profound impact within our community," said Rylee Murray, Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, PPM America and Jackson National Life Insurance. "PPM and Jackson employees are committed not only to our

clients but to our communities, and we are proud to support CYP's efforts to achieve our shared goals of helping youth succeed."

Tickets to Chicago Youth Programs Hope Gala can be purchased online at <https://chicagoyouthprograms.org/2018-hope-gala/>.

To learn more about Chicago Youth Programs, visit <https://chicagoyouthprograms.org/>.

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About Chicago Youth Programs

Chicago Youth Programs was founded in 1984 by concerned medical students from Northwestern University. Alarmed by the poor health and lack of promising opportunities provided to young residents living in the Cabrini Green Housing Development, the medical students sparked what is now CYP's mission to improve the health and life opportunities of at-risk youth using a comprehensive approach aimed at developing their capabilities.

About PPM America

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