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**OCTOBER 29, 2016**  
**RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg**



 **Children's  
Rehabilitation  
Foundation**

# SPECIAL GUEST: WILLOW

2016 CRF Youth Ambassador

Upon meeting her, Willow looks like any other two-year-old girl.

She has an infectious smile, sparkling eyes and enough energy to keep you on your toes! But at mealtime, she shares her unique challenge: Willow is tube fed.

Willow was diagnosed with tracheoesophageal atresia at birth—meaning her esophagus was not joined to her stomach. This rare condition requires immediate surgery and within two months Willow successfully underwent three surgeries.

After 65 days in hospital, Willow's parents were finally able to take her home, but Arlene and Brad would need help as they faced these new challenges with their daughter. They were introduced to the Rehabilitation Center for Children (RCC) and the Feeding Clinic, where a team would support and guide Willow to learn how to eat.

The Children's Rehabilitation Foundation is the fundraising arm of the RCC and the FeedingClinic, allowing them to provide the equipment, tools and resources needed to support children like Willow.

The Feeding Clinic team assessed Willow regularly, adjusted her tube feeding schedule to ensure she was gaining enough weight, helped coordinate support from other medical professionals and helped Arlene and Brad to understand that this process requires patience and time.

Since then, Willow has made incredible progress. Her challenging start created developmental delays, but she's rapidly catching up with the help of specialists. As her appetite increases, Willow and her parents continue to visit the Feeding Clinic regularly as they work to wean her off her gastronomy tube. She continues to be an inspiration to her family and friends, and is proving that with help, her future can be as bright as her smile.

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 29, 2016

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FEATURING:  
BIG CITY ALL STAR BAND  
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS

Cocktails 6PM  
Dinner 7PM

Tickets \$175 each  
Business Casual

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## **VOLUNTEER ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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