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**SPECIAL FEATURE: YOU'RE INVITED TO 5 OF
KANSAS CITY'S MOST GLAMOROUS NUPTIALS**

from the executive editor

In business, it's all about getting to "yes." That's the theme of our February issue as well, whether it's a breathless answer to "Will you marry me?" or the joyful "I do" at the altar.

For the most romantic month of the year, we're bringing you weddings that range from lush to utterly charming (p. 68). Associate Editor Kate Brosseau and I fell in love with the clever way one young couple, Lindsey and Jason, welcomed guests to their dessert table. You'll come away with more than just enchanted sighs; there are several ideas to steal for any festive party, nuptials or not.

"Yes" also is central to the group of philanthropists we're profiling this month (p. 64), whether they're chairing a gala, opening their home to a fundraiser or founding a cause. We know you'll be touched not only by the number of organizations these do-gooders support, but also by the personal stories that fuel their passion to give back.

As a locally owned publication, we echo their "yes" to give back to this community. We sponsor, promote or host countless events each year that help fund worthwhile organizations. In fact, our annual Sexiest Singles Auction in December raised just shy of \$55,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City, and more than \$240,000 total in the past six years.

Now it's your turn to say an enthusiastic "yes" to our enhanced digital edition of *KC Magazine*. We think you'll be amazed at the wealth of additional images and content available at KCMag.com. Each clickable page gives you more photos that didn't make it into print and instant access to videos, slideshows and blogs. For instance, learn more about the causes our eight philanthropists support, and even watch one—Kathleen Kunkler—rock out with her band.

Our printed editions will never go away, but check out every issue online or with your smartphone. Because now, more than ever, life is better with *KC Magazine*.

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P.S. In our January Food Issue, we listed the benefit dinner for the late John McClure as taking place on February 12. Since going to press, the dinner, coordinated by Michael Smith Restaurant, has been rescheduled for March. Visit michaelsmith.com for details.

When you see these icons on our printed pages, you'll know there are extra goodies to be found on the digital edition:



top 10 to-do's

- 1 We Heart the 80s** Support Heartland SPCA at the Martinis Gals. Dress to Impress with your best '80s get-up, February 4. Visit heartlandspca.org for tickets.



- 2 Food Fight** Don't miss this culinary competition on February 6 for the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired, along with testing tables and a live and silent auction. Visit coo.org.

- 3 Art for the Children** benefiting Medical Missions Foundation gives you the chance to bid on art to raise money for medical care and art materials for kids in developing countries, February 11. Visit mmfworld.org.



- 4 Love2Run?** You will in this 4-mile run at the Charles Wheeler Downtown Airport on February 12. Visit sparkc.org to register.

- 5 Heart & Stroke Ball** Don your stylish attire for the annual American Heart Association gala, raising funds to fight heart disease and strokes, February 18 at the Kansas City Convention Center. Visit heart.org for tickets.



- 6 Jenie Bounce, Shirley Allenbrand and I** take a break from a Girls' Night In committee meeting. This year's event, at Portfolio Kitchen & Home on February 21, is going to be a culinary delight. Tickets are limited, so hurry and purchase yours at changeofheartkc.org or call 913-588-8888.



- 7 Yes we can!** Teams of local companies participate in CANstruction to build towering structures using cans of food, February 22, to benefit Harvesters. Visit harvesters.org.



- 8 Fashion Week** isn't only for New Yorkers. KC designers, models, photographers and more will showcase local fashions, February 23–26. Visit kcfashionweek.com.



- 9 Hoops & Sneakers Gala** benefits the American Diabetes Association, featuring cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner, live music and dancing, February 25. Visit diabetes.org/hoopsandsneakers.

- 10 Cabaret** Enjoy a glamorous evening of dinner and a live performance by Emmy- and Tony Award-winner Kristin Chenoweth, while supporting the Rose Brooks Center, February 26. Visit rosebrooks.org for details.