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#1 Ranked Sports Show Reporter to Host this year's Unmask the Violence Gala

LAKE COUNTY, IL – It is only fitting that Marc “Silvy” Silverman, a diehard Chicago Cubs fan, and half of the radio team known as Waddle and Silvy on ESPN AM 1000, will emcee the 8th annual A Safe Place Unmask the Violence Gala in the old Cubby Bear North sports bar, now known as Loft 21 in Lincolnshire.

While Chicagoland holds its breath to see if the Chicago Cubs make it to the World Series again, Silverman is looking at a busy October, especially on the evening of the Gala, October 21.

“October 21 is the night for Game 6 of the National League Championship Series. The same game as when the Cubs won the pennant last year to get to the World Series,” Silverman said.

If the Cubs make it that far, Silverman will be on the radio watching every moment. “I was fortunate to be in Cleveland to host our radio show and attend each game of last year’s World Series. Game seven will be a night and morning I will never forget!”

Silverman has been on the air in Chicago since 1995, starting off as one of the youngest on-air reporters on WGN. When ESPN purchased AM 1000 in 1998, he was one of ESPN’s original hires. The Waddle and Silvy show has been on the air for over ten years and is currently the number one rated show for men ages 25-54 during the afternoon drive.

Over the years, the Waddle and Silvy show has raised thousands of dollars for the V Foundation for Cancer Research and Silverman himself has grown a mustache and shaved his head for various charities. Each year, he is the emcee for the Urban Initiatives Gala, engaging children through sports and activities.

As a fairly new Lake County resident, Silverman was recently introduced to A Safe Place by a friend. "I did some research and loved what A Safe Place stands for and does for victims of domestic violence," said Silverman. "It is my pleasure to be involved."

A Safe Place is Lake County's sole provider of services exclusively addressing domestic violence with lifesaving programs and services for victims of domestic violence and their children, including crisis support, housing, legal advocacy, counseling, community outreach, and education to prevent future abuse.

This year's annual Unmask the Violence Gala will be a new and incredible experience at a transformative event space that includes aerial performers by C5 Creative Space, food stations by CORK Catering & Special Events, cigar rolling demonstrations by A Cuban Experience, whiskey tasting by KOVAL Distillery, and live music by Lake County's own Megan Lick, in addition to a spectacular live and silent auction, dancing, and moving presentations by domestic violence survivors.

"Let's raise some major money for domestic violence victims and their families while having some major fun. The location and evening activities make it much more than just a fundraiser. It is going to be a great event," said Silverman.

Sponsors for the Gala include Michael and Andrea Rosengarden, Northwestern Medicine, Schlesinger & Strauss LLC, David and Patty Anderskow, the Honorable Melinda Bush, Nancy and Marvin Himmelstein, IRON HORSE Seating, The Law Offices of Robert O. Ackley, Libertyville Bank & Trust, Bonnie and Gene Minsky, Ernie and Dawn Rogers, and Rust-Oleum.

For more information, visit the Unmask the Violence Gala website at www.gala2017.whindo.com to purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or become an honorary committee member.

Photo 1:

The Gala will be hosted by Marc Silverman, co-host of Waddle and Silvy on ESPN AM 1000.



Photo 2:

The Gala will feature aerial dance performances from the 22-foot ceiling by C5 Creative Space.



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Founded in 1978, A Safe Place is the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in northern Illinois, and is Lake County, Illinois' only provider of services exclusively for victims of domestic violence. A Safe Place provides emergency shelter, permanent housing, a 24-hour crisis line (847-249-4450), court and non-legal advocacy, individual, group, and children's counseling, art therapy, family visitation services, batterer intervention services; and community outreach, prevention education, and professional training. Our service area includes Lake, McHenry, and northern Cook counties in Illinois; however, our clients come to us from across the state, region, and country.

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