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Save the Date: Mitchell Museum's Annual Benefit March 15th 2014

**Celebrate Years of American Indian Heritage and Stories with Chicago and Evanston's
Acclaimed Museum**

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February 11, 2014 – The Mitchell Museum's Annual Benefit this year celebrates their legacy of bringing Native American art, education, and culture to Evanston and the surrounding area. On March 15th 2014 join the Mitchell Museum and all who support them, at the Evanston Golf Club for this annual event. A Native American Storyteller will be present to share traditional Native American stories, and the opportunity to win a weekend in Santa Fe will round out the evening.

Admission to the benefit, which is open to the public, includes a buffet dinner, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Individual tickets are \$125. Tables seating eight to ten guests can be purchased for \$110 per person. For tickets and information, phone the Mitchell Museum at (847) 475-1030 or email visitor.services@mitchellmuseum.org.

The Mitchell Museum fundraiser will include a silent auction of Native American art, sporting events, theatre, hand-made baby quilts, gift certificates for area restaurants and stores, and more. The grand prize for the benefit's annual raffle this year is a weekend trip to Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Single raffle tickets are \$20 each, and you can purchase six for \$100. Contact the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian at 847-465-1030 or visitor.services@mitchellmuseum.org for more information on how to purchase tickets. The winner will be drawn on March 15th, 2014 at the Annual Benefit. Winner need not be present to win.

Proceeds will benefit the museum's education, arts, and outreach programs for children, adults, and scholars. Since 1977, the Mitchell Museum has introduced thousands of school children to Native American culture, exposed the truth behind the misconceptions and stereotypes that

fuel discrimination against American Indian peoples today, and revealed the beauty and inspiration behind their unique genre of art.

The event is underwritten in part through the support of Tawani Foundation, BMO Harris Bank, Col. (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker IL ARNG (Ret), First Bank and Trust, Will Linder and Jan Bowers, Lawrence R. Hamilton, Jackie and Jim McGuire, and Elizabeth Tisdahl.

The Mitchell Museum is one of only a handful of museums in the country that focuses exclusively on the art, history and culture of American Indian and First Nation peoples throughout the United States and Canada. In 2012, The Mitchell Museum was named “Best Museum of The North Shore: Up and Comer” by *Make it Better* magazine, won the Superior award by the Illinois Association of Museums and was named a national finalist by the American Association of State and Local History award program.

For more information about The Mitchell Museum of The American Indian, visit www.mitchellmuseum.org or call 847-475-1030. The museum is open Tuesday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday- Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and children and Free for Mitchell Museum members and Tribal members.

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