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## BIRTHDAY DREAMS HOLDS ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER “Unmask the Dreams” - Friday, September 28, 2012

**For Immediate Release**—(September 16, 2012) Birthday Dreams, a local grassroots non-profit is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraising dinner and auction September 28, 2012 at Maggiano’s Little Italy in Bellevue. Birthday Dreams was founded over three years ago to provide the gift of a birthday celebration for children living in challenging situations. Whether living in a homeless shelter, in their car, in foster group homes, or transitional housing, Birthday Dreams provides a full birthday party experience with all the trimmings and gifts for children in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. To date, the Renton based charity has provided over 925 birthdays helping youngsters enjoy their special day regardless of their living situations. Last year’s first fundraising event raised over \$17,000. This year the group is raising the bar with a goal of over \$45,000, and has chosen Maggiano’s Little Italy of Bellevue to host the gala event called “Unmask the Dreams”. With a Masquerade theme and a mask contest, the evening will begin with a silent auction from 7:00 – 8:00 pm, with the doors opening at 6:30 pm, then progress with a delicious three course dinner, decadent desserts and an entertaining live auction.

Auctioneer Nick Ehli will kick-off the main live auction with some exciting items up for bid which include “Date Night for a Year” and a trip for two to Mexico’s Grand Mayan Nuevo Vallarta luxury ocean front resort (airfare included). There are over 125 items up for grabs at both the silent and live auctions. Come help Birthday Dreams reach their goals. Birthday Dreams is a registered 501(C) non-profit, so donations to the auction are tax deductible. Come and enjoy this gala evening which promises to hold some surprises and mystery as you Unmask the Dreams for children throughout our communities.

For event tickets and more information please visit [www.birthdaydreams.org](http://www.birthdaydreams.org) and click on Unmask the Dreams.