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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Rainbow Days to Host 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pot of Gold Luncheon Featuring Actress Marlee Matlin

DALLAS – Rainbow Days will host its 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Pot of Gold Luncheon at the Hilton Anatole Imperial Ballroom on Friday, May 3, 2019.

The 2019 Pot of Gold Luncheon will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a silent auction, and the luncheon program will begin at noon. A book signing will begin immediately after the luncheon at 1:30 p.m. This year's goal is to raise \$250,000 for Rainbow Days to ultimately help thousands of children and youth rise above adversity. Table sponsorships start at \$1,500 and individual tickets for the luncheon are \$150 per person, both of which are available to purchase online at [www.RainbowDays.org/POG2019/](http://www.RainbowDays.org/POG2019/) or by phone at 214-217-3833.

Marlee Matlin will serve as this year's Pot of Gold Luncheon keynote speaker. Matlin received worldwide critical acclaim for her film debut in Paramount Pictures' "Children of a Lesser God," for which she received the Academy Award for Best Actress. At 21, she became the youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar and only one of four actresses to receive the honor for her film debut. Though Matlin lost her hearing when she was only 18 months old, she never let her challenges dictate her future or deter her dreams. Along with a successful Hollywood career, Matlin has dedicated herself to raising awareness for many humanitarian causes. She is a staunch advocate for children and a champion for those struggling against domestic abuse and addiction (battles she knows well). In 2009, Matlin published her New York Times Best-Selling autobiography *I'll Scream Later* and has also authored three novels for children. \*Arrangements for the appearance of Marlee Matlin made through Greater Talent Network, LLC., New York, NY\*





The **2019 Pot of Gold Luncheon Chair** is **Nikki Chriesman-Green**. Chriesman-Green works as an attorney for **USI Southwest's** in-house ERISA Counsel, specializing in employee benefits law. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas and American Bar Association and received her J.D. from Texas Wesleyan School of Law. A **native of the Dallas/Fort Worth area**, Chriesman-Green is a mother of three and actively serves as a **mentor** for at-risk youth seeking support in education. She first got involved with Rainbow Days as a Pot of Gold Luncheon attendee and has since continued her involvement and **support of Rainbow Days** through volunteering and now serving as Luncheon Chair.

"Rainbows Days is an organization that is near and dear to my heart," Chriesman-Green says. "The services provided by Rainbow Days transcend race and socioeconomic boundaries and **unite us all in hope, determination and love**. I look forward to supporting the Pot of Gold Luncheon, furthering the mission of Rainbow Days and reminding our attendees that there is a **rainbow at the end of every storm**."

The **Pot of Gold Luncheon** benefits Rainbow Days through sponsorships, individual seats, auction bidding and donations. The annual luncheon is a cheerful and celebratory event that features an inspiring keynote speaker, a special performance from the Rainbow Days children, moving program testimonials and a silent auction for an anticipated **600 guests** in attendance.

Rainbow Days is proud to have **The Park Cities News** and **Good Life Family Magazine** as Media Sponsors of the 2019 Pot of Gold Luncheon. Reserve your table sponsorship or individual tickets now by visiting us at [www.RainbowDays.org/POG2019/](http://www.RainbowDays.org/POG2019/) or calling 214-217-3833.

Last June, the **2018 Pot of Gold Luncheon**, which featured **author Liz Murray** as keynote speaker and was presented by **Attorneys Serving the Community** and **Nancy Ann and Ray L. Hunt**, helped raise over **\$280,000** for Rainbow Days.

**ABOUT RAINBOW DAYS:** The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual **Pot of Gold Luncheon** will benefit **Rainbow Days**, a Dallas-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Founded in **1982**, Rainbow Days has a mission to help children and youth in adversity build coping skills and resilience to create positive futures. Through support groups, camps, mentored events and tangible items, Rainbow Days has served **220,666 children and youth in the Dallas area** to date. For more information about the Pot of Gold Luncheon or Rainbow Days, please visit [www.RainbowDays.org](http://www.RainbowDays.org) or call (214) 887-0726.