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Christ the King Jesuit College Prep Celebrates 11th King of Hearts Gala.

CHICAGO (January 25, 2019)— Lake Forest residents Maria and Bob Westropp recently served as the chair couple for the King of Hearts Gala, benefitting the students of Christ the King Jesuit College Prep on Chicago's West Side. Over 600 supporters braved the late January weather to help Christ the King achieve their 2nd highest grossing event in school history. CTK exclusively serves students and families with limited economic resources in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. Proceeds from King of Hearts help CTK students and their families by keeping the annual tuition affordable.

The 11th Annual King of Hearts Gala took place at the Fairmont Hotel Millennium Park on Friday, January 25. The event featured dinner, a silent auction, and speeches by Mr. Clement V. Martin, Christ the King President, and student speaker, Jenelle '19. Jenelle is a recent recipient of a full-tuition leadership scholarship through the Posse Foundation to attend St. Olaf College in the fall.

Since the first King of Hearts Gala was held in 2009, the event has raised over \$5 million. In those 11 years, over \$15 million in tuition awards have been earned by students through the Corporate Work Study Program, a shared program of Christ the King Jesuit and Cristo Rey Jesuit in Pilsen with over 200 Chicago-area businesses currently employing students.

In its 11 years in Austin, Christ the King has provided students from the West Side with a safe and academically rigorous college-prep education through a thriving and economically sustainable educational model. With the support of businesses throughout the region, the program makes the dream of a safe, affordable, faith-based, quality college prep education a reality. For 8 consecutive years, 100% of CTK's seniors have been accepted into a college/university, including the current class of 2019.

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*2019 King of Hearts Gala Chair Couple,
Bob and Maria Westropp*