A TALE OF TWO CHILDREN

At first glance you might think that Joshua Wittig and Ava Miller have nothing in common. Joshua, 4, was born in a remote village in Uganda and spent the first few years of his life with three different caregivers before coming to the U.S. with his new family. 14-month-old Ava was born in a suburban Chicago hospital and went home from The Cradle with her adoptive parents at just one week of age.

What these beautiful children share is membership in The Cradle’s “Class of 2014.” For both of their families, too, the adoption journey had a number of tough roadblocks along the way. Ultimately, both Joshua and Ava have transformed their parents’ lives, and they are loved beyond measure.

Daniel Miller was a U.S. Marine who had just finished a tour in Mexico City in 1997 and was transferred to Vienna, Austria for embassy duty. The lovely young Austrian woman who worked at the embassy’s switchboard caught his eye. She, however, had little interest in dating a Marine. But after ten months of talking to Dan at work, and persistent wooing on his part, Sabine agreed to go out with him. They married in November 1998 and moved into an apartment in a Chicago suburb the following March.

Dan left the Marines, completed a college degree and took a job with the government. He and Sabine settled into a new house and were ready to start a family. Then their lives were turned upside down. Sabine lost the baby she had been carrying and several months later had to undergo transplant surgery. Both of Dan’s parents died. They needed time to grieve and heal.

Eventually, after considering their options, they decided to pursue adoption. “I was in a mindset to get our lives back on track,” Dan says. They had heard about The Cradle and had met another transplant patient who was the adoptive dad of two Cradle babies – twin girls. Talking to him helped cement their decision.

That was 2010 and it would be another four years until they brought Ava home. At one point, Dan and Sabine were matched with a baby who was already in The Cradle Nursery. They visited him and even had a room ready, but the baby’s birth mother decided to parent. Although Cradle adoptive parents are always prepared for the possibility, it was a difficult blow. Their counselor, Sue Puffpaff, was with them every step of the way.

“I felt that she got us,” Sabine explains. “We were presented 18 times. After a while, with each new situation, I realized I needed to be less emotionally invested, in order to protect myself.”

When the 18th call finally came, at the end of January 2014, and the Millers learned that the birth parents were confident in the choice they had made, they felt cautiously hopeful. The baby was due in two weeks.

Ava was born on a Thursday and came to The Cradle the next day. Although returning to the Nursery was very emotional for Sabine and Dan, they made a trip on Sunday to visit Ava. “Part of me didn’t want to go,” Dan recalls, “but when we got there, we saw this beautiful little baby and fell in love.” Still, they felt tentative.

A few nights later, over dinner with friends at a Mexican restaurant, Sabine’s phone rang. It was Sue letting them know that the surrender papers had been signed. Sabine nearly dropped the phone. “I was crying, our friend was crying. It was unreal.”

The next day, February 20, Sabine and Dan came to The Cradle to pick up their daughter. Their friends were with them and staff gathered in the living room to share in their happiness.

Now, at 14 months, Ava is a bright-eyed, sociable toddler who loves books, dancing, going in the pool and being around people. Her parents have taken her to Austria to meet her grandparents, and to

“Sue was an important part of our process and was in our corner rooting for us.”
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D.C. and Boston to visit a couple of Dan’s old Marine Corps friends. Sabine speaks to her in German. Dan can’t wait to get home from work to see her. “We absolutely adore her,” he says.

While Sabine and Dan haven’t met Ava’s birth parents, they have sent updates via e-mail. “We want them to know how grateful we are for the very thoughtful and loving decision they made and that Ava is thriving,” Dan says.

“It feels like we’re complete now, a family,” Sabine reflects. “But not finished,” adds Dan. They both think it would be wonderful for Ava to have a little brother or sister.

Joshua already had a big brother to look up to when he became the newest member of the Wittig family in April 2014. Six-year-old Evan was with his mom and Joshua in Uganda as they waited for the adoption paperwork to be finalized.

Andrea and Mark Wittig first began to consider adoption in 2008. Mark was at a World Vision conference on the plight of children in sub-Saharan Africa who had been orphaned by AIDS. “There was a room full of pictures of these children and I broke down crying,” Mark recalls. “I phoned Andrea and said, I think God is calling us to adopt.”

Andrea was pregnant with Evan at the time, so after settling into new parenthood, she and Mark began to do adoption research. In 2010 they initiated the process, completing their home study and having their I-600A form (required for international adoption) approved. They were living in California at the time, but a job change took them to Illinois, where they discovered that the adoption laws are quite different.

Essentially, they had to start over, and in late 2011 they started with The Cradle. The couple took many of their preparatory classes online through AdoptionLearningPartners.org. They raised money for their adoption through a crowd funding organization, Adopt Together. In July 2012 they went on the waiting list, and in April 2013 they received Joshua’s referral from their placing agency, Holt International.

The Wittigs anticipated two trips to Uganda. The first, in February 2014, lasted two weeks. Joshua, who had been abandoned as an infant, was living with a foster family in Kampala. His first guardian had been a woman in his village, and when she could no longer care for him, he was placed in an orphanage for a time. The child Andrea and Mark met was a cheerful, affectionate and resilient little boy.

They returned, with Evan, a couple months later, hoping to take final custody of Joshua on his third birthday, April 29. But what should have been a 3-5 week stay turned into three months, due to one missing document. They made the best of it, going on a safari and to the source of the Nile. They visited the village where Joshua spent his first year-and-a-half.

Mark had to return to the States for work. Andrea began to despair. “I felt abandoned, but then [Cradle counselor] Dori Fujii was fighting for us. She was by far our biggest advocate.” Mark came back to Uganda, and finally, the family of four was cleared to go home.

Joshua has adjusted remarkably well. His parents credit Evan with being a fantastic role model – helping his little brother with everything from learning English to potty training. “I think it’s almost supernatural how instantly they were brothers,” Mark observes.

Before traveling to Uganda, Andrea, Mark and Evan created an album for Joshua, placing his photo among theirs with labels. He’d never had his own book, and this became his prized possession. Now he adores all types of books. He and Evan love to play and both have a silly streak. Andrea and Mark are seeking out friends who have African American sons, and have spoken to Evan about what kids might say and how he should respond to racially-oriented questions.

Despite the lengths they had to go to in order to bring Joshua home, Andrea and Mark felt prepared.

“Some agencies simply ask ‘Do you meet the legal requirements to adopt?’ The Cradle asks that, too, but also asks, ‘What is it going to take to help you thrive as an adoptive family?’”

Mark and Andrea feel that their faith has deepened, their lives are richer and they’ve grown as people. “Every child is such a blessing. They bring so much joy and richness. For us it was a huge boost to our faith to go on this journey.”

The generosity of Cradle donors in 2014 helped us provide critical education, guidance and support to the Miller and Wittig families, throughout their complex adoption journeys. We invite you to read more about last year’s activities, accomplishments and challenges in the Annual Report pages that follow.
Dear Friends,

Our 2014 Annual Report may look very different to you. We decided to combine it with this regularly scheduled issue of our newsletter so that more of our families and friends would have a chance to read about The Cradle’s work last year. We also wanted to use our resources as wisely as possible, while still giving you a detailed overview of the year’s programs and services and their impact, as well as The Cradle’s financial activity.

Because this format does not allow us to include a listing of our many generous donors and volunteers in FY14, we are recognizing them in an honor roll that will be accessible via the Foundation’s website at www.cradlefoundation.org/AR2014.

An unusually high number of special needs babies received care in The Cradle Nursery last year. You can read about this on page 4. A teenage birth mom graciously shares her story on page 5. You can read about more families - like the Wittigs and Millers in our cover story - that were formed in 2014, and about a family who received assistance through The Cradle’s Innovative Center for Lifelong Adoption Support. All of these stories illustrate the impact our donors’ support has on our work.

While we are proud of what The Cradle accomplished last year, and excited about program activity to date in fiscal 2015, the external adoption landscape remains extremely difficult. You will find more about this in the Adoptive Parent Services section on page 6. To help address these threats, and to chart a clear course for The Cradle’s future, we embarked on a strategic planning process last fall. A Task Force comprised of board members and external volunteers has been reviewing Cradle programs, consulting with experts, conducting market research and looking at new strategies that best align with our mission and the needs of the adoption community.

We look forward to updating you on this important initiative in the months ahead. Until then, please enjoy this report and accept our sincere thanks for your commitment to The Cradle. To learn how you can support The Cradle, visit www.cradlefoundation.org/donate. Families such as those whose stories fill these pages depend on you!

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When people ask what makes The Cradle unique, typically the item at the top of the list is our onsite infant nursery. Essentially, The Cradle is never “closed.” Although we do have regular business hours, there are nurses and infant aides on the premises 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, caring for babies whose birth parents are weighing an adoption decision or who are soon to go home with their adoptive families.

The Cradle Nursery has operated continuously, in progressively modern forms, since 1923 and today is the only facility of its kind in the country. But its mission remains the same: to give every baby entrusted to The Cradle the best possible start in life.

In 2014, 76 babies were entrusted to our care. While this is a typical number of admissions in a given year, what was atypical last year was the number of babies who were born with special medical needs or who had significant risk factors in their medical history. Nine babies had a large degree of risk and four, including Marshall (pictured below), had the highest level of risk.

“A great deal of time, effort and coordination is devoted to ensuring that each baby gets what he or she needs. We must obtain medical documentation from providers. For a special needs baby in our Nursery, extra staff is needed for multiple special assessments or tests. A physical therapist treats babies onsite and trains Nursery staff in daily PT. Our goal is to present to the adopting parents the most accurate possible picture of the baby’s medical diagnoses, needs and potential care.”

- Victoria Brooks, Nursery Director

Marshall spent nearly 15 weeks in the Nursery in early 2014, before going home with his mom and dad. Having suffered a prenatal brain injury, it wasn’t certain he would even learn to crawl. Now, at 15 months, Marshall is walking, dancing and bringing his parents a great deal of joy. They call him their “Miracle Baby.”

FY14 Facts:

- The Cradle Nursery admitted 76 babies: 39 boys and 37 girls.
- Of those 76, 51 were placed with adoptive families and 25 were returned to their parents.
- The shortest Nursery stay was 1 day, the longest was 104 days and the average was 25 days.
- Nursery personnel also monitored three Cradle babies during their stays at a pediatric healthcare facility in Chicago. They were unable to come to the Nursery due to the severity of their special needs.
- It cost The Cradle $704,691 to operate the Nursery in fiscal 2014, or $1,930 per day.
Breanna was 16 when she discovered she was pregnant. She recalls sitting on her bed, crying, not knowing what to do. The TV was on in the background and all of a sudden a Cradle commercial came on. “It was like fate, or a sign,” Breanna says. She immediately reached for her laptop, went to The Cradle’s website and did some research. When she finally called, she was able to speak with a counselor immediately.

In the months leading up to her delivery, she grew close to her assigned counselor, Taylor Russell. Together, they reviewed adoptive parent profiles. “It was a cool moment entering these people’s lives,” Breanna observed. “It was important for me to know how they were as a couple, that they were comfortable and happy together.”

The couple she chose was present for the birth of her son in October 2013. Everyone in her hospital room was crying— including the doctor. Following the placement, Breanna continued to meet with Taylor for a number of months, and they stay in touch to this day. She has a very good relationship with her son’s parents and knows that he is happy and loved.

Back at her high school, Breanna talked to another pregnant girl about her adoption experience. “You can give your child the life you may not be able provide,” she told the girl. “I felt like a woman’s advocate,” she says.

With help from Taylor, and through her considerable personal resolve, Breanna’s experience was a positive one. “I wouldn’t change a thing,” she concluded.

In September 2014, The Cradle unveiled a powerful new TV ad campaign created, pro bono, by Energy BBDO. The ads, targeted to 18-28 year old women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, were designed to be honest, caring and contemporary. Since the launch, we’ve experienced a large surge in inquiries, including hundreds of texts of “Cradle” to the number 66746, listed at the end of each ad. Increasingly, women are reaching The Cradle via mobile devices. You can view the ads at www.cradle.org/cradle-adoption-tv.
ADOPTIVE PARENT SERVICES

The Cradle continues to face mounting competition from for-profit internet adoption providers, many of whom are not licensed in the states where they seek customers, nor do they offer the range of ethical services that we do.

While placements were down in fiscal 2014 - 60 compared to 81 in FY13 - The Cradle remains the leading agency for domestic infant placements in the state of Illinois. And, we continue to fulfill our mission to our families by providing comprehensive, high quality, pre-adoptive training and education (both onsite and online); guidance throughout the process by experienced and knowledgeable counselors; and post-adoption follow-up and support.

Despite the challenges posed by entities that do not share The Cradle’s values or our approach to adoption practice, with your help, we continue to build many strong, nurturing families. Here are just a few from 2014:

Three sets of twins went home with Cradle families in 2014. Two were domestic placements from the Nursery, and these cuties, Yui (girl, left) and Yuto (boy, right), were born in Japan and came home to the U.S. in September 2014. Their parents, Michiko and Charles, say that the twins are “double the joy and cuteness with half of the sleep!”

Cathy and Jake Griffin took their daughter Piper home on March 31, 2014. In a note to their Cradle counselor, Katie Gattone, they wrote, “Words cannot express how thankful we are for all of your love, support and guidance over the last year and a half. We could not have survived this process without your kindness, your wisdom and your humor. You helped make our family – you helped make our dreams come true!” Last May, the proud new parents brought then 7-week-old Piper to The Cradle Open House.

Baby Sidney spent eight days in The Cradle Nursery before going home last November with her mom and dad, Tonya and Montel Brooks, through the Sayers Center program. “Sidney has a smile that lights up a room,” they say. “She was the missing piece of our lives and we are ever so grateful to The Cradle and to her birth mother for our angel.”

FY14 Facts:

- The Cradle placed 60 babies through our domestic adoption programs: 27 African American or biracial, 21 Caucasian, 11 Hispanic/Latino or biracial and 1 Asian baby.

- 13 children born in 5 foreign countries - China, Ethiopia, Korea, Japan and Uganda - came home to the U.S. with Cradle families.

- The overall median wait time for domestic adoptions was 13.3 months (compared to 17.6 months in FY13).

- Cradle counselors completed 70 home studies for families preparing to adopt.

- 14 Sayers Center families mentored prospective parents in the Sayers program.
The Cradle launched the Center for Lifelong Adoption Support (CLAS) in 2013 to encompass all of our post adoption services, including: counseling sessions with adoption-competent therapists; background reports, search and connection services and informational consultations; and parenting workshops. The mission of CLAS is to provide a continuum of support to birth and adoptive parents, adopted persons and families as they live, learn and grow.

Visit www.cradle.org/center-lifelong-adoption-support to learn more.

Our therapists work with both Cradle and non-Cradle adoptive families, at whatever stage of life they need assistance.

The Butterfield family has been working with Cradle Adoption Therapist Judy Stigger, LCSW, on and off for the past 13 years. Kathy and Steve adopted their daughter through the public child welfare system in Wisconsin and their son from Guatemala.

Their daughter started having struggles in first grade. The school psychologist thought that her difficulty adjusting to the new school might be adoption related. She recommended Judy to Kathy and Steve.

“Judy taught us there are key trigger points as children go through transitions, such as moving or changing schools,” Kathy explains. “She coached us in how to help our daughter teach herself to cope with things that cause her stress. It has made a huge difference in her ability to be successful.”

That little girl is now a freshman in college who made the Dean’s List. She checks in with Judy on her own from time to time. Her younger brother began seeing Judy in middle school. His mom describes him as a happy, easygoing kid, but also quiet and hesitant to talk to her and Steve about things that are bothering him. As an international adoptee, they thought he might be wrestling with identity issues.

“He had a lot of questions he didn’t feel comfortable asking us,” Kathy says. “With Judy, he found a safe zone where he could ask those questions.” He is now a freshman in high school and doing well. Kathy and Steve appreciate the insights they’ve gained as adoptive parents.

Summer Reunion: 1960 Cradle Baby David Schmitt returned to The Cradle in July 2014, along with his birth parents, Karen and Ray Jeans. Karen and Ray were college students when Dave was born and they placed him through The Cradle. The couple ended up marrying after graduation and have been together for more than 50 years. Through a search initiated by their younger son, Jeff, they were able to reconnect with Dave in 2012.
The bottom line, if you look at the results on the opposite page, is that FY14 was a tough year financially for The Cradle. Domestic placements, at 60, were far below our projected number. Program revenue fell short of our goal by around $300,000. This can be attributed in part to factors discussed earlier in this report, such as growing competition from online providers.

But there were positive factors as well:

- The Cradle’s continuing investment in media and outreach, including the new ad campaign, has resulted in a significant increase in inquiries from pregnant women.
- CLAS counseling appointments in FY14 were at 110% of our forecast, signaling a great need for the services offered by our highly skilled, adoption-competent therapists.
- Total public support exceeded our goal by more than $45,000.
- The Cradle Foundation’s investment portfolio finished the year at almost the same value as it began, even after withdrawing $2.5M to support Cradle programs and services.

Did you know?

- All services for Cradle expectant parent clients, including use of the Nursery, are provided free of charge and with no pressure or obligation to complete an adoption plan. Only 6.5% of the 928 women who reached out to The Cradle in 2014 placed their babies; 100% received compassionate guidance and support.
- Under our Finding Families for Children Initiative, The Cradle significantly underwrites the adoption fees for prospective parents of medically fragile children, African American prospective parents, and the adoptive parents to a sibling of a child being placed for adoption. We always try to place siblings together.

AdoptionLearningPartners.org, The Cradle’s web-based educational resource, offered 7 webinars in fiscal 2014 in addition to its catalog of 25 online courses. ALP also released three “Bite-Sized Tips” for parents - short videos on the topic of nutrition.

While ALP revenue was around 8% under our goal for the year, the site logged a total of 44,239 course and webinar enrollments - nearly 5,000 more than in FY13. In response to the troubling articles in Reuters on the “re-homing” of adopted children, ALP offered all 4 courses in its “Tough Starts” series for free in October/November 2013.
FINANCIAL RESULTS

REVENUE

Fiscal 2014 Actual
Public Support $1,987,924
Program Revenue 2,675,874
Investment Income 1,848,145
Gains on Restricted Trusts 205,454
Miscellaneous 4,126
Total Revenue 6,721,523

EXPENSES

Program Expenses 5,568,916
Management & General 484,033
Fundraising 1,071,919
Total Expenses 7,124,868

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

$(-403,345)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year $19,706,758
Net Assets - End of Year $19,303,413

Support for Expenses

Funds for Operating Expenses Provided by:
Public support $1,787,924
Program revenue 2,322,028
Dividend & interest income 243,214
Investment draws 2,570,245
Total Expenses before depreciation (non-cash item) $6,923,411

Investment Portfolio Analysis

Investment Balance as of 10/1/13 $16,921,912
Funds added to portfolio 162,165
Funds withdrawn (2,570,245)
Market value appreciation 1,541,900
Investment Balance as of 9/30/14 $16,055,732
The Cradle Foundation

We are so grateful for the thousands of people who contribute to The Cradle every year. We simply could not accomplish the work described in this report without all of the generous individuals and organizations who make monetary gifts or donations of goods and services. Without our large and dedicated corps of volunteers - who serve on Cradle committees, work at our events, cuddle babies in the Nursery, help with mailings, mentor other families, speak at Cradle classes or in high school classrooms, and perform numerous other tasks - our reach would be greatly diminished.

There are some, like the Stasek family, who have been involved for many years and in multiple ways. To everyone who supported The Cradle in 2014, we say THANK YOU. Your involvement truly changes lives.

SPOTLIGHT ON: The Staseks

Linda and Bill Stasek have been part of The Cradle family for nearly 40 years. It all began when they adopted their son Jeremy in 1976. Daughter Monica followed in 1984, and the relationship has continued to deepen since then.

The couple’s commitment to The Cradle has been evident in so many ways. They welcomed birth mothers into their home from the late 1980s through mid-1990s and cared for them during their pregnancy. They have led the First Look for Charity event committee for the past 19 years and Bill has served on The Cradle Board of Directors since 2002. They are also generous annual donors.

The Staseks have helped out in a very practical way, too. Over the years, Bill Stasek Chevrolet has provided us with safe, dependable vehicles to transport Cradle babies from area hospitals to our Nursery, and from the Nursery to doctor appointments. Our newest addition - a black 2013 Chevy Equinox - not only handles beautifully, but looks great!

We are very fortunate to have the Staseks in our family.

FY14 Items of Note:

- Cradle donors remained steadfast, helping us exceed our goal for public support.
- Over 1,000 people attended Cradle Foundation events in 2014.
- In an effort to reduce printing costs, reach more people with our Annual Report, and make our honor roll of donors and volunteers more accessible to all, we have put the lists online at www.cradlefoundation.org/AR2014.
DONOR PROFILE: Mary Ann Hays, Cradle Baby 1936

Adoptee Mary Ann Hays grew up in Cincinnati with her family, including a brother who is also from The Cradle and two younger siblings.

Mary Ann met her husband Tom in Los Angeles when both were in high school. They are celebrating their 57th anniversary this June. They have four children who were raised in Ohio and Connecticut, and one grandchild. They still have close ties to Cincinnati and are currently building a home there, but their main home overlooks the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica, California. The couple enjoy reading, movies, their garden, visiting their families (all who live in other areas of the state and the US) and traveling abroad, which Mary Ann documents with many beautiful photographs.

Through the efforts of The Cradle, Mary Ann connected with her birth family in 1998, only to discover her mother had died a year and a half earlier. However, an uncle, aunt and many cousins welcomed her into the family. More recently, she discovered the identity of her birth father. From her original birth certificate bearing his name, Mary Ann was able to use the Internet to learn a little of his background and his family.

Mary Ann and Tom have been generous donors to The Cradle for many years. In 2013, they established the Mary Ann Hays Fund to endow general operations, and they plan to add to it regularly so it continues to grow. She says that she established the fund as an ongoing legacy reflecting her gratitude to The Cradle, which provides wonderful direct services, as well as advocacy for best practice in adoption services and public policy. They give to other organizations as well, with programs in the arts, social services and natural and urban conservancy.

Here at The Cradle, Mary Ann particularly likes to support the Nursery, sponsoring a day each year as a “Nursery Angel.” She contributed to the Brick Campaign twice, as a way to permanently honor the memory of her adoptive father and her birth mother. In addition, the interest income from the endowment fund will support critical birth parent counseling, adoptive parent preparation, and post-adoption family support.

The Cradle is grateful to Mary Ann and Tom for their generosity and foresight in establishing a fund that will help sustain The Cradle for decades to come.

Honor a loved one or special occasion by purchasing a commemorative brick. Please use the space below to indicate how you would like your brick to read. Order by June 30, 2015.

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MAY
38th ANNUAL CRADLE OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, May 17, Noon – 3 pm
The Cradle, Evanston

Bring the kids for games and crafts, a petting zoo, face painting, firetruck and Nursery tours. Class of 2014 families are invited to a special reception at 11 am. www.cradlefoundation.org/openhouse

JUNE
PARENTING WORKSHOP
Helping Your Clingy, Irritable, Angry Child
Saturday, June 6, 10 am – 11:30 am
Theraplay Institute, Evanston
www.cradle.org/adoption-workshops

THE CRADLE CLASSIC
Tuesday, June 23, all day
Shoreacres Club, Lake Bluff

Tee off for The Cradle at our 15th annual golf tournament. You’ll enjoy lunch, 18 holes of golf in a spectacular lakeside setting, on-course contests, beverage carts and a cocktail reception. www.cradlefoundation.org/golf

JULY
SAYERS SUMMER SOIRÉE
Thursday, July 16, 6 pm – 10 pm
River Roast, Chicago

Put on your dancing shoes and meet us in the city for a fantastic evening of cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, music and mingling, benefitting the Sayers Center for African American Adoption. www.cradlefoundation.org/sss

AUGUST
CRADLE FAMILY PICNIC
Saturday, August 1, 11 am – 2 pm
The Hub at Berens Park, Elmhurst, IL

Join us for an afternoon of food, families and fun! www.cradlefoundation.org/picnic

PARENTING WORKSHOP
Caring for Afro Textured Hair & Skin
Saturday, August 29, 9 am – 12 pm
The Cradle, Evanston
www.cradle.org/adoption-workshops

DAY AT THE RACES
Sunday, August 30, 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Arlington Park, Arlington Heights

Day at the Races is back! Cradle families and friends will gather in the International Room for a buffet luncheon, drinks, silent auction, raffle – and, of course, betting on the horses! www.cradlefoundation.org/races

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