



Jessica Hoffman (on left) and Laura Fitch are this year's Derby Party Co-Chairs.



## Kentucky Derby Party 2017!

**B**ARRINGTON CHILDREN'S CHARITIES' Kentucky Derby Party fundraiser is co-chaired by Laura Fitch, BCC executive board member, and Jessica Hoffman, Barrington Hills resident (pictured above). This year's party will be held at Sweet Caroline's Crab-N-Que, located near Barrington and Higgins Roads in Hoffman Estates. Sweet Caroline's has a unique menu offering the finest meats, seafood, BBQ, and seasonal favorites. It's been dubbed the "Louisiana-coast-meets-the-Carolina-mountains". The food and drink menu will be selected by the co-chairs

and Ala Carte Special Events.

The event will take over the entire restaurant and a fabulous custom-tented-outdoor area. "In past years, the Derby party has hosted approximately 200 people and this year we hope to grow the event to even more," says Jessica Hoffman. "True Derby fans will enjoy watching the race on 30 large HD TVs, so you'll be sure not to miss any of the Derby action."

There will be unique fundraisers this year, including an art presentation by Art Beat Live. Guests are encouraged wear their most creative

### New Dental Initiative

Barrington Children's Charities has a new initiative to help local children in need of dental care, who are living in poverty. These children have five times more untreated dental problems than children from higher income families.

Darby Hills (BCC Co-Founder), Laura and Mike Fitch (BCC board members), and Dr. Sheffield and Sue Hyde (friends of the charity) represent the team overseeing this new initiative. The team works together with Barrington District 220 to identify the children and has partnered with Smile Illinois to provide the dental assistance.

The new dental initiative started at Sunny Hill Elementary School on Jan. 23 by providing preventative dental care (dental exams, cleanings, and oral health instruction) from the Smile Illinois mobile dental unit. Dr. Hyde helped in the vetting process and brings a high-level of expertise in evaluating the preventative and restorative care being offered. "We are thrilled to have the guidance of an expert like Dr. Hyde on our team," Laura Fitch says.

The initial mobile dental unit visit at Sunny Hill was offered to 31 students. Of these students, 16 were identified as needing restorative care such as fillings, and this care was completed on Jan. 27. The charity will work with District 220 Head Nurse Eva Detloff. It is the hope of the charity to bring this program district-wide in 2017.

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Derby attire, and to participate in the best-dressed and best-hat contest with awards. Tables will be adorned with fabulous over-the-top florals by Twisted Stem of Crystal Lake. "Derby Party glasses will be sold to help support our new dental initiative, helping local children in need with dental care," Laura Fitch said.

The Kentucky Derby Party is on Sat., May 6, from 3-7 p.m. (Stay for the "after party"). Tickets are \$125 per person at [www.barringtonchildrenscharities.com](http://www.barringtonchildrenscharities.com). 