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Tickets for Kids® Charities invited to White House Astronomy Night

Pittsburgh — (October 19, 2015) Tickets for Kids® Charities' (TFK) Executive Director Jason J. Riley will be a guest of President Barack Obama at [White House Astronomy Night](#) on Monday, October 19th in Washington D.C. According to the White House blog, the event “will bring together scientists, engineers, and visionaries from astronomy and the space industry to share their experiences with students and teachers as they spend an evening stargazing from the South Lawn.”

TFK received the invitation as a result of a partnership with Bayer USA Foundation. The partnership is a new initiative of Bayer's *Making Science Make Sense*® (MSMS) program, which provides meaningful, hands-on science learning experiences for in-need and at-risk children. Utilizing TFK's national network of more than 3,000 social service agencies, children receive no-cost tickets and admissions to venues offering programming in science, technology, engineering and math. Support from Bayer will provide up to 25,000 experiences.

“I'm thrilled to be attending an event celebrating science and discovery, and honored to be a guest of the President,” said Riley. “We look forward to the STEM-related opportunities we'll be able to provide as a result of the support we're receiving from Bayer, and we're happy to be representing our Pittsburgh-based nonprofit at the White House.”

About Tickets for Kids® Charities

Founded in 1994, Tickets for Kids® Charities (TFK) is a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit committed to enriching the lives of in-need and at-risk children and their families by providing no-cost tickets to a variety of events and activities. Tickets are acquired through donors and distributed to children served by thousands of social service agencies and community groups across the U.S. Since its inception, TFK has distributed more than 1.8 million tickets. For more information, call 412-781-KIDS (5437) or visit www.ticketsforkids.org.

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