



CHICAGO INNOVATION FOUNDATION

2023

In-Gala

Innovation is for **EVERYONE**

WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2023 Chicago Innovation Foundation In-Gala. We believe that innovation is for everyone. That's why our mission is to educate, connect and celebrate ALL innovators in the Chicago region.

We got our start as a one-night awards ceremony in 2002 called the Chicago Innovation Awards to take the spotlight off Silicon Valley and put it on Chicago. That event was attended by 75 people. Flash forward to today – we now have around 10,000 people who annually participate in our programming. But there is so much more we can do.

Together we can transform the lives of more innovators young and old, students and teachers, men and women, and people of all races who hail from different neighborhoods. Diversity is Chicago's greatest strength and innovation can only exist when inclusion lies at its heart.

Read on to learn about all the ways that the Chicago Innovation Foundation is impacting the lives of diverse innovators and investing in the future entrepreneurial leaders in our city.

Sincerely,

Luke Tanen, President and CEO, Chicago Innovation
Tom Kuczarski, Co-Founder, Chicago Innovation

★ CHICAGO **INNOVATION** FOUNDATION PROGRAMS:





**The Chicago Innovation
Foundation's mission is to
educate, connect and celebrate
ALL innovators.**

**Our vision is to ensure that
innovation is for everyone by
energizing a community that
makes an impact.**

See our foundations' impact





Inspiring curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving in K-8th grade students through an innovation curriculum and competition that is **now free and accessible to educators across Illinois.**

24,500

student
participants to
date

10 week

curriculum, flexible
& standards aligned

Competitions

at the local,
national & global
levels

STEM Engagement & Core Skills

93%

increased interest
in STEM, invention &
entrepreneurship

94%

increased critical thinking
& problem solving

92%

developed creativity
& originality

90%

developed confidence
& perseverance



**"Everybody encouraged each other to do their best and I thought:
this is awesome."**

~Student Inventor

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WOMEN'S MENTORING CO-OP

A vibrant community where **women forge connections, foster innovation, and experience transformational personal and professional growth.**

900

participants to date

6 month

mentorship cohorts

Access to:

exclusive Professional Development Workshops designed to help participants reach their goals

"My business has literally grown 4x since the Women's Mentoring Co-op."

-Reva Minkoff, Founder and President, Digital4Startups

Top Impact for Mentees

- Gained confidence
- Gained an ally to help grow personally and professionally
- Tips to navigate difficult situations at work
- Increased network
- Gained leadership skills
- Insight into career planning

Why Mentors stay involved

- To give back to women to help them reach their greatest potential
- To join a community of empowered women
- To be part of positive change to improve gender equity and opportunity in the workplace



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Chicago's first intergenerational co-mentoring program, **bridging the gap between generations to spark creativity, foster learning, and create invaluable connections** that shape a brighter future for all.



400

participants to date

All 5 generations

present in each cohort

Access to:

exclusive Professional Development Workshops designed to help participants reach their goals and foster intergenerational connections

Areas of Impact for Participants

94%

feel they are a part of a strong intergenerational business community

94%

would like to help their organization understand how age diversity can increase productivity and job satisfaction for all employees

100%

Believe intergenerational teams are more productive



"I've always believed in the generations following me. Co-mentoring with them has given me greater insights into their thinking and capabilities."

~Gail Zelitzky, Founder, Women Over 70: Aging Reimagined podcast

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| Ruth Ann Watkins



Supporting Black and Latine professionals through **mentorship, community, and career advancement** opportunities, while fostering a diverse and equitable landscape for groundbreaking innovation.

200+

participants to date

6 month

mentorship cohorts

Access to:

exclusive Professional Development Workshops designed to help participants reach their goals



"The Ladder impacts the professional and personal growth of people of color by increasing opportunities to share social capital, networks and resources to support each other's endeavors."

-Shannon Claiborne, Sr. Director of Strategic Initiatives at Chicago Youth Centers

Top Impact for Mentees

Gained confidence and an ally to help grow personally and professionally

Gained tools to achieve better work life balance

Increased network

Improved communication skills

Insight into career planning

Why Mentors stay involved

Giving back to people of color to help them reach their greatest potential

To be part of a community of empowered people of color, and to be part of positive change towards racial equity in the workplace



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★ Climate Change Initiative

Catalyzing new products and services that promote sustainability by **supporting innovators that are combating climate change.**



Elevate Climate Change issues



Build a community of Climate Change innovators



Promote Climate Change solutions

How We Achieve our Goals

Public Awareness

on CTA, billboards, and WBBM newsradio

Climate Change Events

that convene business, government, & innovation-minded leaders to discuss Climate Change issues

Climate Champion Award

to identify and amplify regional companies tackling Climate Change by celebrating their innovations



"We need to support innovators that are combating climate change because it is the greatest challenge of our generation."

~Neil Misak, Co-founder and CTO, Reuso, Winner of Chicago Innovation's 2022 Climate Champion Award

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★ CHICAGO INNOVATION HALL OF FAME

..... 2023 INDUCTEES



Janice Jackson CEO, Hope Chicago

Nationally-known educator and leader in the field of public education. After being CEO of CPS, she leads Hope Chicago, which reduces economic and social inequality by providing two-generational college scholarships to students and their parents.



Gordon Segal

Co-Founder, former Chairman & CEO retired, Crate & Barrel

After opening the first Crate and Barrel store on Wells Street in 1962, this internationally recognized, multi-channel home furnishings retail chain has brick-and-mortar locations throughout North America, and in eight countries.



Casey Cowell Co-Founder, U.S. Robotics

Founded in 1976, it became the world's largest manufacturer of modems and related products that connected computers to the global telephone network; acquired by 3Com for \$6.6 billion, making it the largest data communications acquisition at that time.

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Sandee Kastrul CEO, i.c. stars

Recently celebrated the 50th cohort of this innovative nonprofit leadership and technology training program founded in 1999 to prepare inner-city adults for technology careers and community leadership.





Congratulations to **Gordon Segal** and the rest of the honorees on their induction to the Chicago Innovation Hall of Fame. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to innovation.

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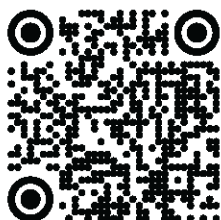
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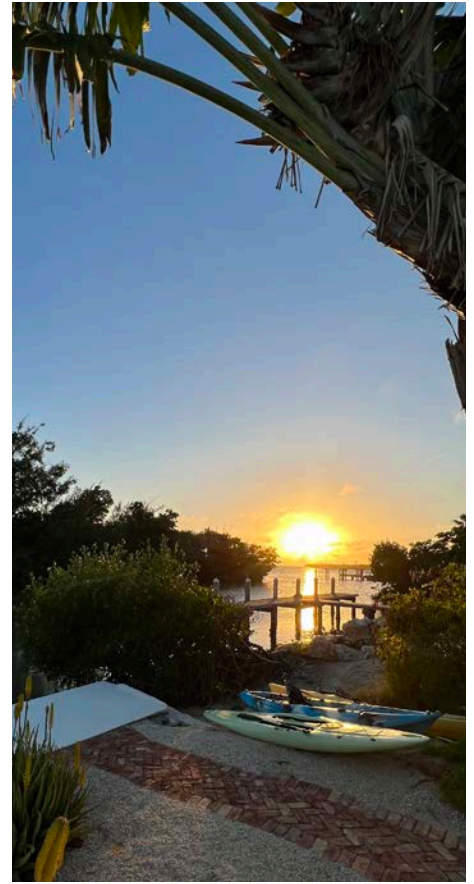
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Tropical Waterfront 6-person Vacation Home in Florida Keys for 7 Days

Experience the ease of the Keys:

- A charming three bedroom waterfront home with pool, kayaks, and privacy
- Located just one block from beautiful Sombrero Beach on Marathon Island in the Florida Keys

Nearby activities include:

sport fishing, tropical reef scuba, snorkeling, kite surfing, jet skiing, parasailing, swimming with dolphins, mangrove kayaking, and more!

Subject to availability; winning bidder to work with homeowner on scheduling



02

Ring the Nasdaq Bell with the 2023 Chicago Innovation Award Winners

- Two people will ring the Nasdaq Bell in NYC with the 2023 Chicago Innovation Award winners
- Your company's logo featured on 7-story Times Square screen with dedicated photos
- Join Chicago Innovation Award winners for a private luncheon
- Media coverage from: CNBC, Bloomberg TV, Fox Business
- Plus a chef-curated dinner for two at Laser Wolf Brooklyn on the roof of The Hoxton with views of the Manhattan skyline

Takes place on TBD date in 2024, and includes limousine pickup/drop off from NYC airport



03

A thrill of a lifetime for Chicago Blackhawks fans – ride the Zamboni and more

- Zamboni ride on the Chicago Blackhawks home ice
- Hockey stick signed by entire Chicago Blackhawks past season team
- 4 lower-level tickets to a game
- Tickets must be redeemed for a mutually agreed upon game and are subject to availability.



04

\$67,500 in advertising to promote your company throughout the Chicago area

10 large billboards (60 ft x 20 ft) courtesy of Clear Channel Outdoor

- 4 weeks of general market coverage in the Chicago region
- Your digital ad will run more than 300,000 times during the campaign

20 radio spots on WBBM Newsradio 780 and 105.9 FM

- Mix of morning commute, drive home and other radio spots reaching over 1.5 million listeners each week

25 CTA digital monitors for one week throughout Chicago which will run your ad over 83,000 times

Clear Channel Billboards and WBBM Newsradio spots must be used by December 31st, 2023; CTA digital screen ad run dates are subject to space availability and must include Chicago Innovation logo



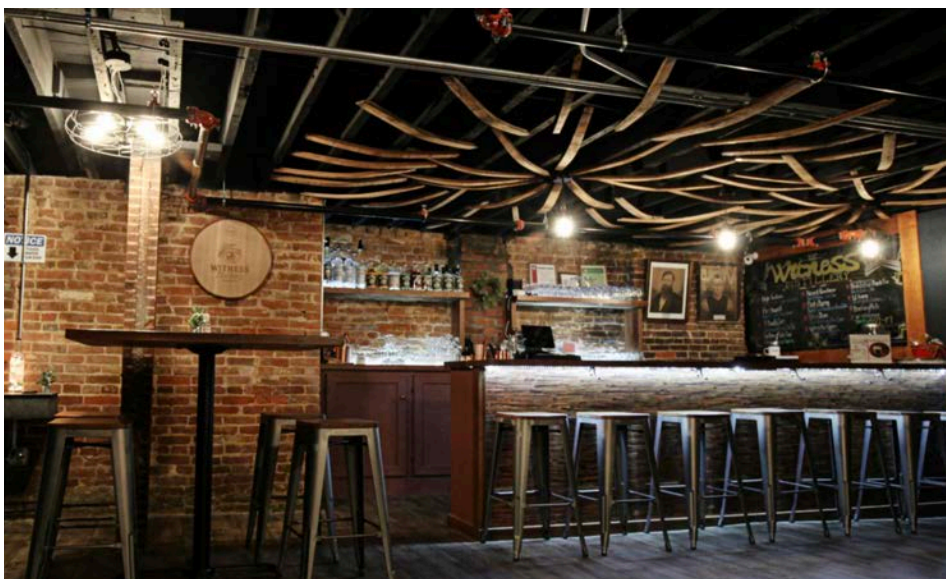
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Chef from multiple 2-Star Michelin Restaurants in California travels to Chicago to cook an 8-person dinner party in your home

Chef Steve Kramer has the unique distinction of being a chef at two different 2-Star Michelin Restaurants:

- Providence, a two Michelin-starred French cuisine restaurant in Los Angeles
- Harbor House Inn, a two Michelin-starred Japanese restaurant in Mendocino County
- Holds the distinguished title of Certified Sommelier
- Chef Steve Kramer will fly from LA to prepare a dinner for 8 guests at your home

Availability dependent on Chef's Steve's schedule.



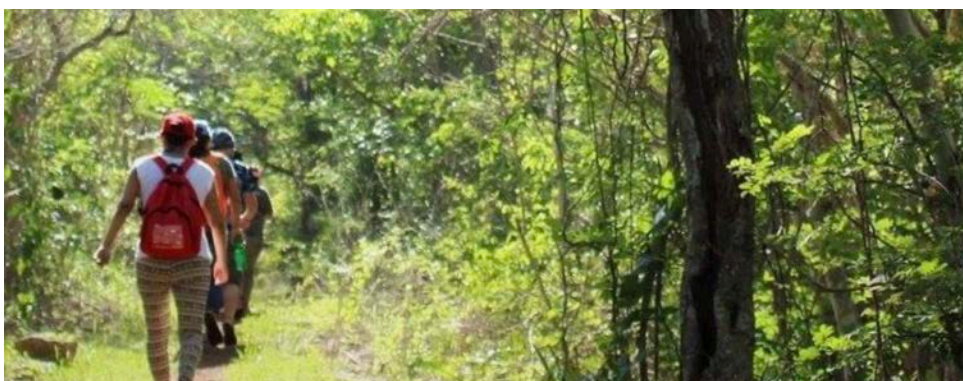
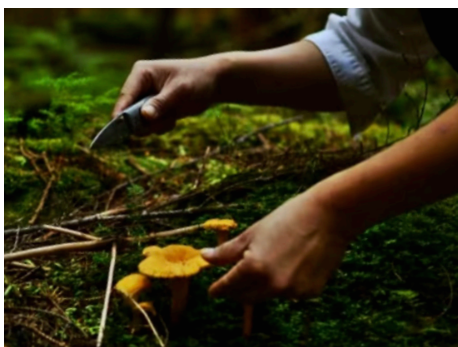
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One-on-a-kind experience for bourbon lovers

Southern Illinois Speakeasy, Distillery Tour, 12-Person Dinner, and 5-Gallon Custom Barrel that Yields 28 Bottles of Your Own Bourbon

- A 12-person trip to a southern Illinois speakeasy in Vandalia, Illinois with distillery tour, post dinner cocktail party, plus your own private crafted whiskey barrel that will yield 28 bottles of bourbon for family and friends.
- Includes full entrée, appetizers, up to 3 drinks and tip for up to 12 people. Budget about 4 hours for full experience.
- 5-gallon barrel yields about 28 bottles aged for 4 years double-oaked.

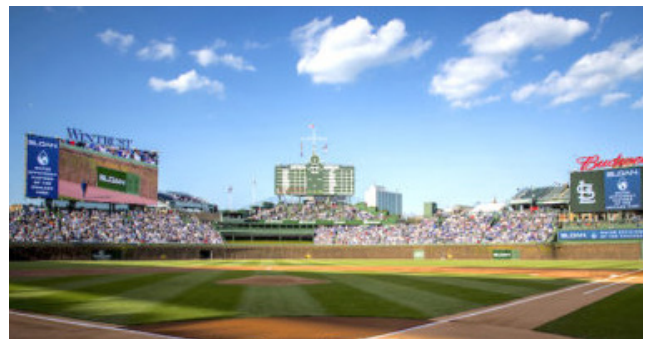
Please redeem within 12 months from award and allow 30 days for scheduling. Ideal time is mid-April to September 1, 2024. Overnight lodging not included, but multiple hotels in Vandalia, IL are near the distillery



07

Mushroom foraging trip in the sacred cenotes of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula for 4 people

- 4-day trip in Yucatan Peninsula with ground transportation throughout itinerary
- Mushroom foraging tours led by Yucatan biodiversity experts
- Explore natural cenotes – mesmerizing crystal clear water sinkholes
- Lodging includes 4-star boutique hotel and 4.5 star hacienda
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner included by local Mayan women, restaurant chefs and more



08

Chicago Cubs VIP Experience Triple Header

Game One – 4 tickets directly behind home-plate from Wintrust’s private suite in Wrigley Field for Cubs vs. Diamondbacks on September 7th

- Seats are behind home plate and near on-deck circles, right behind 1914 Club

Game Two – 4 passes to the private Catalina Club in Wrigley Field for Cubs vs. Pirates on September 21st, 2023

- Catalina Club offers private game access and all-you-can-eat and drink for your group. Located behind home plate in the Upper Level

Game Three – “Weekend in Wisconsin Cubs Getaway” - 4 tickets (6th row from Cubs dugout) to Cubs vs Brewers in Milwaukee on Friday, Sept. 29th + 2 hotel nights + dinner/lunch

- Game tickets behind Cubs dugout also includes premium parking pass
- 2 nights at Saint Kate, “one of the absolute coolest hotels in Wisconsin” – Conde Nast. Dinner at Carnevor Steakhouse Moderne, Milwaukee’s premier fine-dining steakhouse. Lunch at Milwaukee Public Market



09

Farmer's Fridge For Life – Up to \$109,500 worth of food!

- Every day for 30 years, the winner receives a Farmer's Fridge \$10 credit off a single purchase made that day at any Farmer's Fridge kiosk in Chicagoland and beyond
- Fresh salads, pastas, bowls, sandwiches, snacks, breakfast, lunch and more

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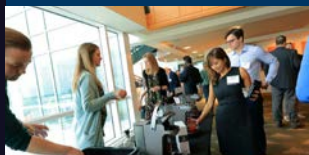
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**TASTE OF
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- Be recognized at every event
- Get promoted through media channels and newsletter



Gain Exclusive Access:

- Attend members-only events with past Chicago Innovation Award winners, board members, and other VIPs
- Get full guest lists ahead of events
- Receive first access to mentorship program
- Access the members-only directory

Experience Members-Only Treatment:

- Get free tickets to every in-person event
- Experience VIP Check-In
- Guarantee your tickets when events sell out
- Transfer tickets if you can't attend

"Chicago Innovation is a unique organization and one of my absolute favorites. I always feel like I get the ground floor, insider's perspective on all the emerging business and product ideas. And everyone is accessible. You don't just hear an entrepreneur's or leader's story, you can actually talk with them. It's energizing and inspiring."

~Kathy Quinn, President, The Q Group LLC



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4-Person Boka Restaurant Group Progressive Dinner - CIRA, CABRA, Duck Duck Goat, Swift & Sons

Start your evening at The Hoxton, Chicago where you will dine in Chef Chris Pandel's restaurant, CIRA, a culinary journey through the Mediterranean. Take a trip up the elevator and visit CABRA, Chef Stephanie Izard's Peruvian rooftop escape in the heart of Chicago. Up next, venture to another of Chef Izard's delights, Duck Duck Goat, for dim sum and other Chinese treats. End your night at Swift & Sons, where you will be treated to the stunning desserts of Chef Casey Doody. Expect top VIP treatment throughout the night, including complimentary wine pairings at each location. Please book with eight weeks advance notice when booking the dinner. Gratuity is not included at any location. Valid only Sundays – Thursdays. Expires August 3, 2024.



Dinner for four at the chef's counter at Daises restaurant. Includes wine pairings.

This beloved Midwestern pasta restaurant in Logan Square won a Jean Banchet award and made Michelin's Bib Gourmand list.



10-person Chocolate Making Team Outing with Wine & Beer Pairings

A rare opportunity for your group of 10 people to enter the magical world of chocolate! Kick off the evening with an artisan chocolate tasting paired with wine, craft beer, and a decadent chocolate drink. Then onto the chocolate kitchen, don an apron for a fun, hands-on chocolate class taught by Artisan Chocolatier, Pam Vieau, Owner of Chocolate Inspirations. You will make your own truffles, chocolate bars, S'more Bark, dip pretzels and more! Date to be scheduled between winner and Chocolate Inspirations. Location – Chocolate Inspirations, 920 Central, Roselle, IL 60172. Length of time for the event – 3 hrs.



One night at Canopy, Hilton's boutique hotel downtown Chicago + \$200 gift card to Fabio Viviani's rooftop restaurant Seville

It's time for a staycation! Spend a night in downtown Chicago dining at the brand-new rooftop restaurant Seville, featuring Mediterranean fare and cocktails. Then retreat to Canopy, Hilton's quaint hotel in the heart of the Central Loop for an overnight stay.



3-Hour Ride for 4 People in the Official Frankmobile

If you ever wanted to ride in a 23 ft long hot dog on wheels, now is your chance with the one and only world-famous Oscar Meyer Frankmobile, formerly known as the Wienermobile. Date subject to Frankmobile availability and must be redeemed within one year of auction date. Oscar Mayer Hotdoggers will be present at all times and only a Hotdogger will be allowed to drive the Frankmobile vehicle. At least one of the four guests must be 18 years old.



Chicago Blackhawks Hockey Stick signed by Connor Murphy

NHL hockey stick autographed by Chicago Blackhawks defenseman and alternate captain Connor Murphy.



Derrick Rose Autographed Warmup Pants

NBA MVP, Rookie of the Year and 3x All-Star Derrick Rose autographed and framed authentic Chicago Bulls warm up pants. Certificate of authenticity is included.



2 Tickets for University of Michigan Football

Watch the University of Michigan Wolverines take on the East Carolina Pirates at Michigan Stadium on September 2nd. Seats are on the Michigan sidelines.



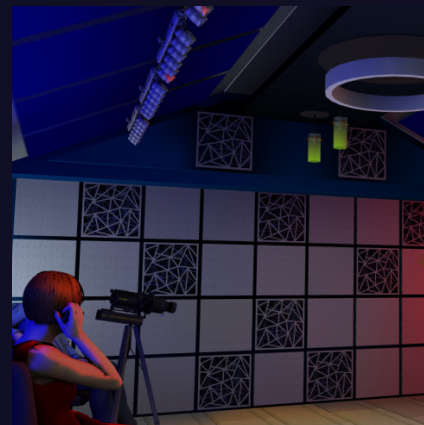
Chicago Cubs Hall of Famer Ron Santo Framed Autograph

9-time All-Star and Hall of Famer Chicago Cubs third basemen Ron Santo framed autograph. Photo verification of signature is included.



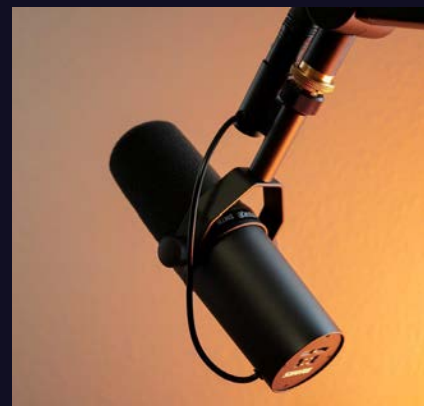
Company Pitch Video Created in 2112's Professional Recording Studio + Cocktail Party

Located within a 160,000 sq ft creative industry ecosystem, 2112 is an incubator focused on the development of entrepreneurs. The winner of this package will be allowed to utilize 2112's state-of-the-art recording studio to create a new 90-second company pitch. Plus, six people at your company can attend one of 2112's hosted cocktail parties, which are attended by creatives and entertainment industry professionals – and you'll get a tour of this amazing space by one of the organization's co-owners.



Create Your Own Podcast

Have you wanted to create your own podcast but didn't know where to start or what to do? Flint Rock, a professional podcasting production company, will provide one-on-one custom instruction to teach you all you need to know. You'll get the production process and documents, recommendations on equipment and technology, and learn how to host, promote, and track your subscribers/downloads. They'll teach you step-by-step how to identify and book guests, script your episodes, create show notes and more. Then, they'll do a live recording for you either remotely or in person at their state-of-the-art studio in Wheaton, Illinois.



VIP Tour and Behind The Scenes of Lincoln Park Conservancy for 6 people

Join the Lincoln Park Conservancy, the nonprofit champion for Chicago's largest park, for a guided, behind the scenes tour of one of Lincoln Park's historic gems, the Lincoln Park Conservatory. Learn about the Conservatory's global plant collection, fun facts about the collection from our amazing docent guides, and get a special behind-the-scenes glimpse of the green houses and inner workings of this 1890's built landmark. Tour accommodates 5-7 people and is 1 hour to 1.5 hours in length.



Personal training and wellness sessions at Wattage in the West Loop

Wattage is a state-of-the-art boutique facility in the West Loop dedicated to redefining how you feel inside and out. Package includes one personal training session, one nutrition consult, one fascial stretch therapy session and one inBody scan.



Pizza City Walking Tour with NBC 5's food reporter, Steve Dolinsky (aka The Food Guy)

Tour is curated by 13-time James Beard award-winning reporter Steve Dolinsky ("The Food Guy" on NBC 5), who is also author of "The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide" and host/producer of the "Pizza City" podcast. Walking tour of your choice (Fri., Sat. or Sun.) on any weekly pizza tours. Friday is a downtown walk that includes three different places; Sat. is a West Loop walk that visits four places and Sunday is a walk through Bucktown and Wicker Park visiting four places. Guests try a slice of pizza at each location.



Bonfire membership for women in business

Bonfire's Signature Experience is a transformational, immersive talent development and recognition program for a company's highest potential women. Through a six-month curriculum, Bonfire equips rising-star women with the tools necessary to gain greater agency and authority in promoting themselves and their ideas, influence decision-making more efficiently, and increase the value of their contributions to their organizations. Cohort members spend an estimated 10 hours per month completing Bonfire's multi-disciplinary modules.



Spirit of Navy Pier boat cruise for 4 people plus food/drink on Thursday, Sept 21st

Cruise Lake Michigan in style! The Spirit of Navy Pier is Navy Pier's newest four-level dining vessel with three interior climate controlled dining decks and two exterior observation decks. Onboard cuisine includes buffet-style dining with onboard DJ entertainment and interactive games throughout the yacht. 4pm-6pm cruise.



Schaumburg Boomers baseball game suite with drinks & snacks

Join for an unforgettable summer night of Frontier League baseball when the 2022 league champions Schaumburg Boomers take on the Gateway Grizzlies on Saturday, August 26th at 6pm. Make this a corporate outing, or simply a fun evening with friends or family – your suite accommodates up to 25 people, complete with drinks and snacks. Cap off the night with post-game fireworks.



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You can drive a real NASCAR Race Car by yourself! Following Drivers Meeting with training and instruction, get behind the wheel and drive a NASCAR Race Car for a timed racing session on the Nation's Premier Speedways. There's no lead car to follow and no instructor rides with you as you drive for 5 minutes of Track Time.



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Koval whiskey distillery private tour and tasting for up to 15 people

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- M18 FUEL™ String Trimmer w/ QUIK-LOK™ featuring five compatible attachments. The trimmer is capable of up to 6,200 RPM with up to a 16" cutting swath and delivers you the power to clear thick brush.
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45" x 30" Photographic Flower Art on Metallic Canvas with Wood Frame

Titled "Crowning Glory," this exquisite large framed photographic art piece is of a Gaillardia pulchella (Indian Blanketflower) as it grew in the photographer's garden in Highland Park, Illinois. June, 2021. Stephen Serio is a professional photographer known for his decade of work as a staff photojournalist at Crains Chicago Business.



2 Passes to the Santa Barbara Film Festival 2/7 - 2/17, 2024 + Wine Tasting

Held in picturesque Santa Barbara, California, the star-studded Santa Barbara Film Festival is one of the leading film festivals in the US, with over 100,000 attendees over the past 35 years. You will receive 2 tickets to each Celebrity Tribute Event (average of 8 events), 2 tickets to the Opening and Closing Night Films, and admission to 16 other films across this 10-day dream week for movie fans, where you will see Oscar-nominated actors, film makers and other Hollywood stars walk the red carpet and give exclusive talks about their lives and their work. Each tribute is a 90 minute conversation with a special moderator and the honoree discussing their career and watching a montage of their movies. Past honorees have included Brad Pitt, Nicole Kidman, Javier Bardem, Glenn Close, Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton, Cate Blanchett and many more. As a special bonus, you'll also receive a wine tasting for 2 people at the award-winning Santa Barbara Winery.





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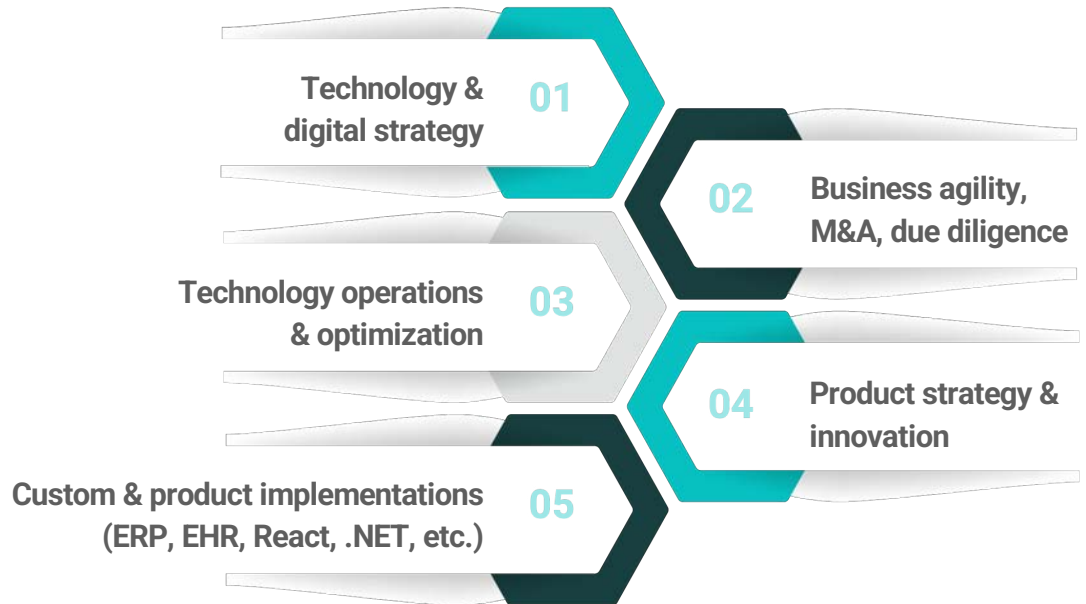
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