Gallery's magical night to aid kids

SPECIAL WHITER

Step back in time to where Rapunzel still lets down her helt in a world of enchanted fairy tales as the Elizabeth Stone Gallery presents a magical evening to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan Priday, Dec. 3, in the gallery's new space, 536 N. Woodward in Birminsham.

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From 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., "Childhood Revisited" will transform the gallery featuring the fine art of children's book illustrations into a magical kingdom where dreams come true. To add to the magic of the evening, New York illustrator/author Kris Waddherr will sign her lateat release, "Persephone and the Pomegranate," as well as talk about the art of creating books for children.
Tickets are \$25 per person; parton, \$50; and benefactor, \$75; and available by calling the hospital's auxiliary office at 745-5932 or development office at 745-

doing something magical for children."

Ten percent from all sales of original art and lithographs that evening through the end of December will benefit the hospital's nursing endowment and research on how children respond to pain.

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gallery representing 150 awardwinning artists with 3,000 pieces
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"It's a natural for me to be involved with an organization who is involved with helping children," said the former children's librarian for Brookside School Cranbrook.

Established in 1886, Children's Hospital in the Detroit Medical Center is a 260-bed teaching hospital connected with Wayne State University. Treating everything from brain tumors to gunshot wounds, the hospital draws people from all over the world seeking the best in care for their children.

"Our children are our future. Helping our children is what we're all about," said Susan Baker, Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary president.

"The benefit's one step to help the tiniest and the slekest children."

This is the perfect time and place to help these children. Ac-

upon because it was considered illustration, not fine art. But times
are changing.

"Prices for many original works
by contemporary children's book
artists have doubled, tripled, even
quadrupled in the past few
years," asy Money magazine.

"This is collectible and it is an
investment. There are only two
galleries in the country where this
can be purchased," Stone said.

"The market for the art is growing quickly because there's been
so much importance placed on
reading to children in the last 10
years. 1876 to 1929 was known as
the golden age of illustration,
when artists in England and in
this country such as Artur Rackham, Beatrix Potter and Randolph Caldecott began to illustrate books for children. Howard
Pyle was the father of American

illustration. N.C. Wyeth, Max-field Parrish and Jessie Wilcox Smith were all American illustra-

tors.
"From 1930 to 1970 it was E.H. "From 1930 to 1970 it was E.H.
Shepherd and the Babar books.
In 1975 children's books took off
and became a special form of art.
We're into the return of the golden age of illustration. A lot of fine
artists and commercial illustrators are turning to children's
books as a new venue for their
work."

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Waldherr studied on full scholarship at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. She has three books to her publishing credit: "Rappunzel," The Fire-bird" and the latest, a retelling of the Greek myth about the abduction of Persephone by Pluto.
Waldherr, who hopes her books "move both children and adults toward a place of enchantment, mystery and beauty," works in oil. "Betty Stone's art work is very unique in that she deals with children. We thought it was perfect tie in with Children's Hospital," said event chairwoman Patricia Martin.
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