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**Emmy-Award winning TV personality Carson Kressley to Emcee
Damien Center's Grande Masquerade on October 19**

Event raises vital funds to support the Center's mission to end the spread of HIV in Indiana

Table packages, general admission and VIP tickets now available

INDIANAPOLIS (July 22, 2019) – [Damien Center](#) today announced Emmy-Award winning TV personality Carson Kressley will attend [Grande Masquerade](#) as the guest emcee on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019.

The theme for the organization's 32nd annual fundraising event is "Carnevale in Arancione," an Italian-themed masquerade ball featuring dinner, live entertainment, and a silent auction. Grande Masquerade has become one of Indianapolis' premier philanthropic events drawing more than 600 attendees and raises vital funds allowing Damien Center to continue offering its one-stop-shop approach to HIV prevention and care free of charge.

Kressley is an Emmy-Award winning TV personality, style expert, fashion designer, and New York Times best-selling author who became a breakout star for Bravo TV's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." Recently, Kressley re-connected with his Queer Eye alum Thom Filicia for the new fan favorite interior design show, "Get A Room with Carson and Thom," which premiered on Bravo Networks last year. Kressley is also a judge on VH1's "RuPaul's Drag Race." A strong supporter of many philanthropic causes, Kressley uses his celebrity to advance different concerns such as The Trevor Project, The Human Rights Campaign, AIDS WALK, and the Al D. Rodriguez Liver Foundation.

The evening will kick off with a VIP reception that includes entertainment, complimentary cocktails, and early access to the silent auction. Ticket prices are \$150 for general admission and \$225 for VIP. Guests may also purchase a table for 10 at general admission of \$1,500, VIP at \$2,250, or VIP Premier for \$2,750. To purchase tickets visit: www.damien.org/tix.

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About Damien Center:

Damien Center is Indiana's oldest and largest AIDS service organization, and leads the effort to prevent the spread of HIV. The Center opened in 1987 and offers a one-stop-shop model of care that includes preventive, supportive, and medical services that empowers people in Central Indiana affected by HIV/AIDS to move forward each day with dignity so they may live abundant and productive lives. Damien Center believes passionately in the dignity and worth of every person who seeks their services and strives to be a safe and welcoming place so that no barriers separate people from the services they need to prolong and enhance their lives. For more information visit: <http://www.damien.org> or follow them on Twitter at @DamienCenter or like them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thedamiencenter/>

