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ESPN celebrates 42 years with anniversary party

BRISTOL, Conn. - ESPN, a multimedia sports entertainment company, is celebrating its 42nd anniversary by hosting a celebratory event at its headquarters at 7 p.m. EST on Sept. 7, 2021 This event will also serve as a fundraiser for ESPN Citizenship, its philanthropy. The location of the event is at 935 Middle St., Bristol, CT 06010.

To commemorate the success of the company, ESPN is honoring its hard-working employees that have shaped it into the organization it is today. The event is open to the media but centers around both celebrating the accomplishments of its workers and fundraising for a good cause. The anniversary party will have raffle ticket prizes, generously donated by friends of ESPN. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the company's charity, ESPN Citizenship.

ESPN Citizenship's mission is to "use sports to make a better place." It focuses on five main areas: access to sports, leadership in sports, good neighbor grants, environmental sustainability and the V Foundation. The V Foundation for Cancer Research, founded in honor of the late Jim Valvano, has funded more than \$250 million in cancer research grants nationwide.

ESPN continues to be a leader in the sports media world. As of December 2020, ESPN+ was in 11.5 million homes, with its reach still growing. The Covid-19 pandemic presented unique challenges to the company, with sports ceasing to exist for months. Preserving through the tough

year, ESPN hopes to celebrate their success, while also moving forward into a new year filled with new opportunities.

James Pitaro, CEO of ESPN, hopes that the event brings joy to the dedicated employees and celebrates their immense success. "We are really looking forward to celebrating the growth of the company and the workers who tirelessly contribute to the continued success," said Pitaro.

Director of Communications Derek Volner, also emphasized the charitable goals of the event. "This night will serve as a perfect opportunity to bring people together in celebration, while also furthering awareness for our philanthropy ESPN Citizenship."

Tickets are free to any ESPN employee and the media. Outside stakeholders or guests who wish to come may purchase an admission ticket for \$40. Tickets can be purchased through the website.

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