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The nsoro Educational Foundation Announces Postponement and New Date for 2026 Starfish Ball in Response to Anticipated Severe Winter Weather

ATLANTA, GA, January 22, 2026 — The nsoro Educational Foundation today announced that its **2026 Starfish Ball: Illuminating Futures**, originally scheduled for **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, has been **postponed and rescheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2026**, due to anticipated severe winter weather expected to impact the Atlanta region this weekend.

This decision was made out of an abundance of caution, following careful review of regional forecasts and anticipated travel conditions, and in consultation with internal leadership and nsoro's Board of Directors. Forecasts issued by the **National Weather Service indicate the potential for freezing rain, sleet, and hazardous travel conditions** across portions of metro Atlanta and North Georgia during the period surrounding the original event date.

In addition to monitoring official weather guidance, nsoro leadership sought input from regional partners and public officials regarding anticipated transportation and safety conditions in the days leading up to the event. These discussions reinforced the importance of prioritizing the safety of guests, honorees, sponsors, youth, volunteers, and staff.

"We approached this decision with great care and deliberation," said **Darrell Mays, Founder & Board Chairman of the nsoro Educational Foundation**. "The Starfish Ball is an important moment for our community, and we wanted to ensure that when we gather, it is under conditions that allow our guests to travel safely and participate fully. Rescheduling the event allows us to honor that responsibility while preserving the integrity and purpose of the evening."

The **rescheduled Starfish Ball will take place on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at The St. Regis Atlanta**, the original event venue. All existing event elements, including honorees, program content, and sponsorship recognition, will remain unchanged. Registered guests, sponsors, partners, and youth will receive direct communication with updated details.

nsoro is deeply grateful for the understanding and continued support of its community. The organization looks forward to welcoming guests for a meaningful and celebratory evening in support of youth aging out of foster care when conditions allow for a safe and successful gathering.

About The nsoro Educational Foundation

Since its founding in 2005, The nsoro Educational Foundation has enabled 510 youth aging out of foster care to achieve independence and success by equipping them with the tools, education, and career pathways required to transition into adulthood with confidence, stability, and purpose. Delivering a continuum of holistic support combining college readiness, gap funding support, mentorship and coaching, workforce development, and apprenticeship and internship opportunities, nsoro provides its youth with the resources and essential wraparound services to attain their postsecondary credentials and gainful employment.

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