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### **NCT HONORS J.D. AND ANITA ELLIOTT AT ITS TENTH ANNUAL GRAND DAY**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Children's Theatre will honor J.D. and Anita Elliott on Sunday, Dec. 14, at Grand Day. Proceeds from Grand Day support the theater's education outreach to more than 60,000 schoolchildren and families annually.

"Celebrating J.D. and Anita Elliott will make our 10<sup>th</sup> Grand Day very special," said Allison Dillon, NCT managing director. "We are thrilled to honor these two very special grandparents who have contributed so much to the community."

The Elliotts, who have three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, share NCT's commitment to family. J.D. Elliott is president of The Memorial Foundation and serves on the board of directors of Lipscomb University, Goodpasture Christian School and Middle Tennessee Council-Boy Scouts of America. He is also on the board of commissioners of the Nashville Sports Authority and the advisory boards for Alive Hospice and Fifty Forward.

Anita Elliott's community involvement includes contributions to Gilda's Club and other organizations through her volunteer work at Madison Church of Christ, where she and J.D. have been members for more than 30 years.

Past Grand Day honorees include Ann Stahlman Hill, Peggy Weil Steine, NCT's past presidents, the Junior League of Nashville, Betty Gwinn, Jean Stumpf, Carrie Gentry, Dr. Elbert Brooks, Clara Hieronymus, and Steve and Judy Turner.

NCT's 10th Annual Grand Day will begin with a performance of *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* at 2 p.m. followed by a patron's reception, children's activities and photos with members of the cast. Ticket prices begin at \$20 for junior supporters and \$50 for supporters. Patron's tickets are \$1,000. This year's Grand Day chair is Ronnie Steine.

For more information, please visit [www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org](http://www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org) or call (615) 254-9103.

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**About *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is adapted from the book by Roald Dahl. The cast features Patrick Waller as Charlie Bucket and Bobby Wyckoff as Willy Wonka. In addition, the cast includes Kamal Angelo Bolden, Ross Brooks, Brooke Bryant, Rona Carter, Misty Lewis, Brian Webb Russell and Sam Whited. Julee Brooks, NCT artistic associate and education director, will direct the production. Set design is by Erica Edmonson, lighting design is by Scott Leathers, videography is by Josh Danger and costume design is by Patricia Taber.

**About Nashville Children's Theatre**

Nashville Children's Theatre is an ensemble of professional artists who bring unique vision and compelling voice to the creation of meaningful theater for Nashville and Middle Tennessee audiences. We strive to make the imaginative celebration of our hopes, struggles and joys a vital part of the shared experience for young people, families and our community. NCT was founded in 1931 by the Junior League of Nashville and is recognized as the oldest professional children's theater in the country. A national leader in professional theater arts and education programs for young people, NCT was ranked by *TIME* magazine as one of the top five children's theaters in the country.

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