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Encompass Announces Cancellation of Saturday's Big Event for Kids

GREEN BAY, Wis. – After careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Encompass Big Event for Kids scheduled to take place on Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Heritage Hill State Park due to the forecasted weather conditions.

Big Event is designed to be a joyful day for children and families to explore, play and discover together. With significant rain and the potential for thunderstorms, we do not believe we can safely provide the experience our families, exhibitors, sponsors and community have come to expect from this event.

Our decision goes beyond the rain itself. The forecast creates concerns for the safety and comfort of the children and families attending, while also significantly limiting our ability to safely set up the event. More than 40 community exhibitors participate in Big Event, many bringing electrical equipment, interactive activities and valuable materials that cannot safely be exposed to heavy rain, wind and potential thunderstorms. Asking our partners to risk damage to their equipment, or asking families to attend a substantially reduced version of the event, would compromise the experience and integrity of Big Event.

This is the first time we have had to make this difficult decision since moving Big Event outdoors in 2021. We know how disappointing it is for the many families who look forward to this day each year and for the incredible exhibitors, volunteers and partners who have already invested so much time and energy into making it possible.

We are especially grateful to our generous 2026 Big Event sponsors and our Presenting Sponsor Schreiber Foods. While we won't be able to gather together on Saturday, the impact of their generosity continues. Proceeds from Big Event support the Encompass mission throughout the year, helping make high-quality early education and care accessible and affordable for families in need across our community.

With gratitude to our 2026 Big Event corporate sponsors:

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To each of our sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, partners and families: **thank you.** We are incredibly disappointed that we won't get to explore, play and discover with you this weekend, but we are deeply grateful for the community that continues to stand behind Encompass and the children and families we serve.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Missy Schmeling".

Missy Schmeling | Executive Director
Encompass Early Education & Care