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# Dorothy Hamill To Light El Paseo Holiday Tree

Annual Tree Lighting Part Of Cancer Fundraising Gala

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Olympic Figure Skater and longtime Palm Desert resident Dorothy Hamill  
DOROTHY HAMILL

With one sentence, the heat and rare humidity of a summer in Palm Desert was blanketed with images of a winter wonderland, complete with ice skating rinks.

Olympic Gold Medalist, World Figure Skating Champion and longtime Palm Desert resident Dorothy Hamill will light the tree at this year's Miracle on El Paseo Gala, said a person close to the deal.

The event takes place Nov. 17 and will benefit **Bighorn Behind A Miracle** -- an organization that raises money for the Lucy Curci Cancer Center at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage.

Tickets cost \$100 -- for a good cause -- and an experience you cannot find anywhere in the desert.

The City of Palm Desert will close El Paseo between Monterey and Ocotillo to make room for this high-end block party gala event.

In addition to the large crowd sampling tastes from some of Palm Desert's finest restaurants, the empty streets will also make way for an actual ice rink with Olympic-caliber skaters and those just getting their footing at the Desert Ice Castles Ice Rink in Cathedral City.

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KMPR-TV will act as the broadcast partner for the event, promoting the Big Horn Behind A Miracle project throughout the holidays.

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... already!

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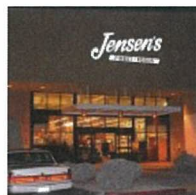
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