



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Rachel Ezzo  
404-347-7619, [Rachel.ezzo@katesclub.org](mailto:Rachel.ezzo@katesclub.org)

**“This is Us” Star and Former Kate’s Club Member Niles Fitch to be Honored at the 2018 Spirit of Kate’s Club Gala as the Organization Celebrates 15 Years of Empowering Children and Teens Facing Life After the Death of a Parent or Sibling**

***Saturday, May 19 at 6 p.m. at Loews Atlanta Hotel***

**ATLANTA – March 1, 2018** –Celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this May, Kate’s Club, a non-profit organization based in Atlanta that empowers children and teens facing life after the death of a parent or sibling, has impacted thousands of lives dealing with loss. One such teenager is Niles Fitch, breakout star of NBC’s “This Is Us,” who joined Kate’s Club with his sister after the loss of their father. This year, Fitch will return to Atlanta to attend and speak at the annual Spirit of Kate’s Club Gala to mark the milestone on Saturday, May 19 at 6 p.m. at Loews Atlanta Hotel.

“Kate’s Club provided the opportunity for me to spend time with others who had a loss just like mine. I was able to have fun times and sometimes sad times with others who understood how I felt,” says Fitch, who grew up in Atlanta and lost his father at an early age. “Kate’s Club was invaluable to me and my family, and I’m honored to be a part of this celebration.”

The 2018 Spirit of Kate’s Club Gala will be held at the Loews Atlanta Hotel, and is also set to include additional special guests, a seated dinner and open bar, silent and live auction, as well as live band. More than 600 guests are expected to attend the black-tie optional event which has become a signature annual fundraiser for the organization.

“We are beyond excited to have Niles and his family to return to Atlanta and celebrate the mission of Kate’s Club on this special occasion,” says Kate Atwood, founder of Kate’s Club. “The Fitch family represents our hope for all families who are struck by grief early in their lives: by reaching out and facing grief together, they are better positioned to lead healthier and happier lives not just as individuals, but as a family too.”

Kate's Club was founded 15 years ago by Atwood after she lost her mother at age 12. The organization grew from humble beginnings with just six kids and six volunteers, to supporting 1,561 children and teens in metro-Atlanta through recreational and therapeutic group programs including its 3-day Camp Good Mourning, and countless others through its grief advocacy efforts across the country.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018

Location: Loews Atlanta Hotel

Time: 6:00 pm - Midnight

Attire: Black Tie Optional

Limited sponsorships still available. For inquiries, please contact RACHEL EZZO, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS, [RACHEL.EZZO@KATESCLUB.ORG](mailto:RACHEL.EZZO@KATESCLUB.ORG), 404-347-7619

###

**About Kate's Club**

Founded in 2003, Kate's Club is an Atlanta-based non-profit organization whose mission is to empower children facing life after the death of a parent or sibling. Kate's Club provides social and emotional grief support services to children ages 5 – 18 in metropolitan Atlanta and surrounding areas, at no cost to the child's family. Kate's Club builds healing communities through recreational and therapeutic group programs, education and advocacy. By creating friendships with kids and young adults that share the experience, Kate's Club guides children through their grief journey in a comfortable, safe and uplifting setting. For more information on programs or to refer a grieving child to Kate's Club please visit [www.katesclub.org](http://www.katesclub.org).