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The Greatest Show On Earth® was even greater for 250 local children with special needs who were treated to special pre-show event designed especially for them at Philips Arena. The event was made possible through the collaboration of Gas South, which donated tickets and souvenirs for 250 local children with special needs; the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association, which worked to organize the event; and Feld Entertainment, which owns and operates Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey. Feld Entertainment, which owns and operates Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, has worked to develop special events specifically for children with special needs. In Atlanta, 250 local children with special needs attended the pre-show event courtesy of Gas South and the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association.

Thumbs up for the circus. Clowns were one of many attractions during a Ringling Bros. pre-show event for local children with special needs in Atlanta. The event was made possible through the collaboration of Gas South, which donated tickets for 250 children with special needs; the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association, which worked to organize the event; and Feld Entertainment, which owns and operates Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey.



Horsing around. Local children with special needs see Ringling Bros. circus horses perform up close during an exclusive pre-show event just for them at Philips Arena.



A clown with the Ringling Bros. “Zing Zang Zoom” circus teaches the finer points of plate spinning during the pre-show event at Philips Arena.

Mike Bodker (left), Mayor of Johns Creek and chair of the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association, with Kevin Greiner, CEO of Gas South. Bodker worked with Feld Entertainment to organize the pre-show event, for which Gas South was lead sponsor.



Tightrope performers from Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey’s “Zing Zang Zoom” help local children with special needs experience the thrill of the tightrope during a special pre-show event at Philips Arena.

A tightrope performer provides a steady hand during the pre-show event.





Clowning around. Local mayors from the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association get into the act during a pre-show event at the Ringling Bros. circus at Philips Arena. The mayors worked with service agencies in their respective cities to distribute circus tickets to 250 local children with special needs.



A Ringling Bros. elephant prepares to paint during the pre-show event. The painting was given to a lucky fan during the circus.



Local children with special needs see one of the Ringling Bros. gentle giants up close during an event held just for them at Philips Arena.



Clowns and children flex for the cameras.

Clowns were one of many attractions during the Ringling Bros. pre-show event in Atlanta.



The Murphy family poses with Stockbridge Mayor Lee Stuart (back row, fifth from right)

during the pre-show event for children with special needs at Philips Arena. Since 1983, Stockbridge residents John and Jeanette Murphy have opened their hearts and home to children with special needs and today provide a loving home for 17 adopted children.

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Johns Creek Mayor Mike Bodker, with fellow mayors from the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association, prepares to welcome circus goers to the Ringling Bros. "Zing Zang Zoom" at Philips Arena. The mayors worked with service agencies in their respective cities to distribute circus tickets donated by Gas South to 250 local children with special needs.