

## The Evening's Events

- 5:30pm** **Social Hour and Cash Bar**  
 ♥**Dessert Auction** (5:30pm-6:45pm)  
 ♥**Silent Auction** (5:30pm-8:00pm)  
 ♥**Wine Wall Raffle** (5:30pm-8:00pm)
- 6:45pm** **Dessert Auction Closes - Please Be Seated**
- 6:50pm** **Welcome**  
 Joyce and Rick Elsen, Masters of Ceremonies  
**Senator Amy Klobuchar** (by Video)  
**Introductions** by Heather Robins, *RH Board Secretary*  
**Introductions** by Suzanne Fox, *RH Manager of Development and Operations*
- 7:00pm** **Dinner Prayer** by Pastor Jeff Sandgren, *OSLC*  
 ♥**Auction for First Table Served**
- 7:10pm** **Buffet Dinner**  
 De-Caf Coffee – Thank You to the OSLC Bible Study Groups  
 Dinner Music – Lakelanders Chorus
- 8:00pm** ♥**Silent Auction and Wine Wall Raffle Close**
- 8:10pm** **Sanctuary: A Place of Grace** by Pastor Jeff Sandgren  
 Video: *A Place of Grace*  
 ♥**Live Auction Begins**  
 See Pink Insert for the List of Live Auction Items  
 Auctioneer: Katie Imholte Gabriel of Fladeboe Auctions
- 8:35pm** **Persevere** by Ruth Hickey, *RH Executive Director*  
**Special Guests: Charity Langfeld**, *RH Former Resident*  
 and **Amy Day**, *RH Case Manager*
- 8:50pm** **Fund-A-Need: Fixer Upper ♥ Ruth's House Edition**

**Thank You for Coming and Supporting Ruth's House**  
 Cash/Checks/Credit Card – ATM Available



**WINE WALL RAFFLE**  
 5 TICKETS FOR \$20  
 FOUR WINNERS OF WINE  
 VALUED AT \$50 A BOTTLE



## 16th Annual Hearts Gala Fundraiser

Saturday, February 9, 2019  
 American Legion in Faribault



*not only shelter, SAFETY  
 not only help, HOPE  
 not only change, GROWTH  
 not only a house, A HOME*

**Empowering Lives  
 Offering Hope**  
*through transitional housing and support*



*The Greatest Gift is a Home filled with the People you Love*



## Thank You

Heartfelt and sincere thanks for your generous donations to the 2019 Ruth's House Hearts Gala. Your kindness makes possible the success of this evening dedicated to providing safe shelter and resources for the women and children in our community who most need our help. Thank you from our women and children, staff, volunteers, and the board of Ruth's House of Hope for helping to make our community:

**A community where EVERYONE has a safe place to call home.**

*In Faith*, Ruth Hickey, Executive Director of Ruth's House

### **Ruth's House Board of Directors**

Charlie Sheridan, Chairperson	Krista Bahnsen
Joyce Eisen, Vice Chairperson	Chuck Budde
Heather Robins, Secretary	Patricia Johnson
Sandi Gerdes, Treasurer	Kathy Tonolli
Bishop Steven Delzer (Emeritus)	Susan Slater
Najma Ahmed	Pastor Jeff Sandgren

### **Ruth's House Staff**

Ruth Hickey, Executive Director	Casi Cross, Operations Specialist
Suzanne Fox, Development & Operations Manager	Christiana Adams, Outreach & Communications Coordinator
Meghan Sawicki, Interim Program Manager	Kaci Hunt, Family Advocate
Amy Day, Senior Case Manager	Angela Huro, Family Advocate
Melissa Wencil, Lead Family Advocate	Kathy Vanderhorst, Family Advocate

### **2019 Gala Committee**

A Sincere *Thank You* to the Gala Committee for sharing your time, talent and creativeness in making this evening a wonderful success. You are AWESOME!

Joyce Eisen, Chair	Christiana Adams	Chuck Budde	Casi Cross
Brenna Gardner	Elaine Anderstrom	Isabell O'Connor	Jeanne Ullian
Cassandra Cook-Quarry	Kathy Tonolli	Marcy Goss	Matt Gustafson
Kari Boldt	Ruth Hickey	Ruth Hildebrandt	Ruth Wirtzfeld
Michelle Simpson	Sue Rodman	Suzanne Fox	
Rose Leifeld-Brennan			

## Ruth's House of Hope

### **Our Mission**



Ruth's House of Hope, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in Faribault, Minnesota in 2003. Ruth's House manages a nine-unit transitional shelter, along with ten off-site permanent housing units, for women and children in transition. Ruth's House provides affordable housing in a safe, supportive, and healing environment to help women and families in our community on their way to a new beginning.

**90% of the women residing at the shelter have experienced trauma from abuse either in childhood or as an adult.**

Residents of Ruth's House are women and children who have become homeless due to domestic violence, illness or disability, addiction, generational poverty, or other life-changing events.

**We rely on our local community for 57% of our annual budget.**

The annual budget at our transitional shelter is \$270,000. Funding from outside our community (34% foundation grants and 9% state grants) leaves us with close to \$150,000 that we must raise in our local community through fundraising events such as this Gala and more importantly, through the generous donations we receive throughout the year from our community of supporters.

### **Our Community Partners**

Thanks to our community partners we have served over 1700 individuals.



The Carlander Family



### **Our Contact Information**

For further information or to make a donation please use the contact information below. Visit our website to donate online through PayPal as well as to keep up-to-date on our projects, needs, and achievements. We are also on Facebook.

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