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Rosie's Place Raises \$825,000 at Annual *Safe & Sound* Gala

BOSTON—Rosie's Place, a Boston-based community center for poor and homeless women, announced that it raised \$825,000 at its recent gala.

The *Safe & Sound* Gala, held May 6th at The Cyclorama at Boston Center for the Arts, drew a crowd of 300 attendees and celebrated the life-changing work of the first shelter for women in the nation. Retired WCVB 5 anchor Susan Wornick served as emcee for the evening.

Proceeds from this year's gala will support emergency services including shelter, meals and a food pantry as well as long-term expert education, legal, behavioral health, employment, housing and stabilization assistance for some of Boston's most vulnerable women.

"Every day we are seeing women in despair and meeting women who never thought they'd need our help. In response we are offering more help in more ways than ever before. And we're far from finished. Over the next two years, we will grow all of our programming by 25%," said Rosie's Place President & CEO Leemarie Mosca in her remarks. "Some might find this task overwhelming. At Rosie's Place, we are all in because we know it is necessary. What we do works, and life-changing impacts are being made."

Funds were raised via event chairs, table hosts, patrons and supporters; a silent and live auction; a "mystery wine pull" raffle and through fund-a-need donations collected at the gala.

The evening featured food stations from thirteen of Boston's best chefs including Kimberly Beatrix of *La Padrona*, Andrew Brady and Sara Markey of *Field & Vine*, Joanne Chang of *Flour Bakery*, Tim and Nancy Cushman of *o ya*, Steve DeFillippo and Rodney Murillo of *Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse*, Luke Fetbroth of *Tonino*, Andy Husbands of *The Smoke Shop BBQ*, David Kriz of *Tres Gatos*, Jacob Mendros of *Prima Italian Steakhouse* and David Punch of *Sycamore, Little Big Diner and Jinny's*. John Erdman of *Bianca Woodfire Kitchen & Bar* served as mixologist for the night.

Event chairs were Cherise and Robert Bransfield, Christina and Michael Gordon, Marriott Daughters Foundation, Michele May and David Walt and Deb and Mark Pasculano.

Founded in 1974, Rosie's Place is the first shelter for women in the nation. Rosie's Place relies solely on the generous support of individuals, foundations and corporations and does not accept any city, state or federal funding. To learn more, visit www.rosiesplace.org.

PHOTO CAPTION: From left, Rosie's Place Board Chair Cherise Bransfield, Rosie's Place President & CEO Leemarie Mosca and gala emcee Susan Wornick.



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