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Rosie's Place Raises Nearly \$800,000 at Annual Safe & Sound Gala

BOSTON—Rosie's Place, a Boston-based community center for poor and homeless women, announced that it raised nearly \$800,000 at its recent gala.

The Safe & Sound gala, held May 7th at The Cyclorama at the 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 and WBUR's Deborah Becker served as co-hosts 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, mental health, recovery, employment, housing and stabilization assistance for some of Boston's most vulnerable women.

"More women are being helped by Rosie's Place, and in more meaningful ways. So that, once again in a time of uncertainty, we will come through for women who live in uncertainty every day," said Rosie's Place President/CEO Leemarie Mosca in her remarks. "Not only are we compelled to do the right thing in helping women who have been wronged and overlooked, but we are compelled to do this work, because we know it works."

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 nine of Boston's best chefs including Joanne Chang of *Flour Bakery*, Noah Clickstein of *Lehrhaus*, Tim and Nancy Cushman of *o ya*, Luke Fetbroth of *Tonino*, Chandra Gouldrup of *The Farmer's Daughter*, Andy Husbands of *The Smoke Shop BBQ*, Tyler Karlen of *Tres Gatos*, Jacob Mendros of *Prima Italian Steakhouse* and David Punch of *Sycamore* and a raw bar from *Island Creek Oysters*. Geoff Morse 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, Deb and Mark Pasculano and Bank of America.

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, gala co-host Deborah Becker of WBUR; gala co-host Susan Wornick; Rosie's Place President/CEO Leemarie Mosca and Rosie's Place Board Member and Marketing and Development Committee Chair, Cherise Bransfield.



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