

## ***For Immediate Release:* RAPHAEL HOUSE OF PORTLAND RAISES A RECORD \$280,000 FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES AT 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA**

**Portland, Ore. October 19, 2017 – Raphael House of Portland is delighted to announce that their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala raised \$280,000 to help break the cycle of violence for individuals and families.**

More than 200 guests convened at the Exchange Ballroom on Thursday, October 19th, to celebrate and support Raphael House of Portland's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and commemorate four decades of building a brighter future that's free from domestic violence.

The evening's program included dinner, a spirited live auction featuring 14 exciting packages, and a special appeal. Custom cocktails by Crater Lake Spirits, live music, a dessert dash featuring treats from 15 local bakeries and pastry chefs, and a nightcap of Pip's Mobile Donuts and Chai created a celebratory atmosphere to mark this milestone anniversary.

The Gala honored 40 years of support, commitment, and transformation, and highlighted the many ways Raphael House empowers survivors to move from shelter into safe housing, and supports them as they move forward and build lives without abuse.

As Executive Director Teri Lorenzen explained, "Portland's lack of affordable housing has been an especially persistent and difficult challenge to overcome. The combination of personal obstacles caused by domestic violence and this housing crisis has only increased the need for consistent, ongoing, and trauma-informed support for survivors. That's why we put an emphasis on housing and long-term advocacy in addition to immediate safety."

Raphael House is giving survivors the tools they need to shape their own futures and end the cycle of violence. In the words of special guest speaker and survivor LaVonda, who bravely shared about her journey following a [short video featuring her story](#), "Abuse may be a part of my past, but thanks to Raphael House, it will never be a part of my future." Following LaVonda's speech, guests raised an incredible \$160,000 during the special appeal.

This fundraising effort was made possible thanks to generous supporters and guests. Jordan Brand served as the evening's Gold Sponsor with additional major support from Silver Sponsors Umpqua Bank and The Standard; Bronze Sponsors Brown & Brown Northwest, Cedar Mountain Advisors, Bill Dickey and Michael Smira, and Wells Fargo Bank; Bid Card Sponsor Wells Fargo Bank; Dessert Dash and Nightcap Sponsor First Tech Federal Credit Union; Dinner Wine Sponsor Z'IVO Wines; Signature Cocktail Sponsor Crater Lake Spirits; Wall of Wine Sponsor JD Fulwiler & Company Insurance; Print Sponsor Morel Ink; and Media Sponsor Portland Business Journal. Challenge Match Sponsors included Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund, KMR Group Foundation, and Guild Mortgage.

### **About Raphael House of Portland**

For 40 years Raphael House of Portland has helped domestic violence survivors and their families find safety, hope, and independence. Our emergency shelter serves individuals and families fleeing intimate partner violence, and we proudly provide family-centered, culturally responsive, and gender-inclusive services. In addition to immediate safety and basic needs, survivors have access to ongoing programs and case management designed to help them achieve permanent housing, employment, and stability.

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