



## **News Release**

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### **SOJOURNER FAMILY PEACE CENTER CELEBRATES 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EVENING OF HOPE**

MILWAUKEE (Oct. 21, 2010) – Tickets are now available for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Evening of Hope event, to benefit Sojourner Family Peace Center.

Evening of Hope recognizes the thousands of lives affected by domestic violence each year in the Milwaukee community. This annual event is held in hopes of raising awareness and support, so Sojourner Family Peace Center can continue to be a safe haven for survivors. This year's event will take place Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Bradley Center.

"Now, perhaps more than ever, people in our community are searching for hope. In 2009, domestic violence deaths in Wisconsin reached a 10-year high. This event is an opportunity to shed light on a critical issue in our community, and together help bring peace to those in need of our services," said Angela Mancuso, executive director of Sojourner Family Peace Center.

Evening of Hope offers guests the opportunity to give hope to survivors of domestic violence by purchasing unique notecards featuring special artwork created by the women and children residing at Sojourner Truth House. A live auction will feature great prizes, including a trip to Las Vegas and a black pearl necklace from David Liska Custom Jewlery.

Guests can also take advantage of the Gemstone Dig sponsored by Robert Haack Diamond Importers – a chance to scoop out a semiprecious stone or diamond out of sand.

Evening of Hope will be held in the West Atrium at the Bradley Center. Registration is at 6 p.m. followed by a cocktail hour, program and live auction. In addition to premier food stations, hand-passed hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beer, wine and soda, music will be provided by Milwaukee's own 5 Card Studs.

Individual tickets are \$150; \$95 is tax-deductible. Those who purchase 10 tickets receive a special rate of \$1,000. Corporate sponsorship packages are also available. Proceeds directly assist in everything from food and child-care supplies to securing facilitators for group sessions and transportation to safety.

Sponsors of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Evening of Hope are: Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Berghammer Construction Corporation; Coakley Brothers; Ernst & Young, LLP; Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin Inc.; Quarles & Brady LLP; Rapport Leadership International; Scribner, Cohen and Company, s.c.; von Briesen & Roper s.c.; Wisconsin Energy Foundation, and Zimmerman Architectural Studios.

For sponsorship opportunities or more information, contact Courtney Meyer at 414-643-1777 or e-mail [courtneym@familypeacecenter.org](mailto:courtneym@familypeacecenter.org). To seek help from an abusive situation, call the 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline at 414-933-2722.

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