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Reach for the Stars GALA 2023

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | APRIL 29

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 19th annual *Reach for the Stars* Gala! We have much to celebrate, including how wonderful it is to be here together in this inspirational space created by Artists for Humanity.

Tonight, we celebrate:

- the incalculable courage of survivors,
- the unwavering compassion of our skilled staff and volunteers,
- the steadfast commitment of our donors and community to our urgent mission, and
- the leadership of Laura Van Zandt, whose enduring legacy will forever be seen in the faces of empowered survivors throughout the 27 cities and towns we serve.



Most of all, we celebrate all of you—our donors and supporters. Last year, you helped provide refuge, education, and advocacy to—and change the lives of—nearly 7,000 people.

Thank you.

Throughout this work, we have also hired new staff, begun transitioning out of COVID-induced restrictions, and—in the natural evolution of 40 years of REACH—passed the baton of leadership.

One thing, however, will never change: our mission—the ultimate end of domestic violence.

It's a tall order, and we're succeeding with steady, sure steps.

But we can't do it without you.

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There are survivors who don't know us yet. This year, your continued support will help us further expand into the communities we serve with intention, innovation, and partnership.

As U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor says, "We have to look and ensure that we're paying attention to what we're doing, so that we don't reflexively institute processes and procedures that exclude people without thought."

That is how we serve with intention. Teach with intention. Hire with intention. Together, we can make sure survivors and at-risk children and families know that we are here for them, no matter their gender, age, level of wealth, religion, or ethnicity.

The need is great. There are 763,864 people in the communities we serve. Your generosity tonight will impact how many more we can reach.

Thank you for joining us tonight in celebration of our past, present, and future with delicious food, joyful dancing, and renewed commitment to those we serve.

I am so happy to be here – leading this amazing organization at this moment in time. I look forward to connecting with each one of you in the coming weeks and months.

Reach with me.



Amarely Gutiérrez Oliver
Executive Director
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence



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Queridos amigos, y amigas,

Bienvenidos a nuestra 19ª Gala anual, *Alcancemos las Estrellas*. Tenemos mucho que celebrar, incluyendo la maravilla de poder estar juntos aquí en este lindo espacio de Artistas para la Humanidad.

Esta noche celebramos:

- el valor incalculable de supervivientes,
- la infatigable compasión de nuestro equipo y nuestros voluntarios,
- el firme compromiso de nuestros donantes y de la comunidad con nuestra urgente misión, y
- el liderazgo de Laura Van Zandt, cuyo legado veremos siempre en los rostros de todas las personas que han sobrevivido y se han empoderado en las 27 comunidades que servimos.

Más que nada, los celebramos a todos ustedes, nuestros donantes y patrocinadores. En el último año, nos ayudaron a darles refugio, educación y defensa a casi 7.000 personas – y a cambiar su vida.

¡Gracias!

A lo largo de este trabajo, también hemos contratado nuevo personal, comenzado a retirar las restricciones inducidas por el COVID y, en la evolución natural de 40 años de REACH, hemos hecho una transición en nuestro liderazgo.

Aún así, nuestra misión nunca cambiará: acabar con la violencia doméstica.

Es un objetivo ambicioso, y estamos haciendo pasos firmes y seguros para alcanzarlo.

Pero no podemos hacerlo sin ustedes.

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Hay supervivientes que aún no nos conocen. Este año, su apoyo continuado nos ayudará a seguir expandiéndonos en las comunidades a las que servimos con intención, innovación y colaboración.

Como ha dicho Sonia Sotomayor, Magistrada del Tribunal Supremo de EEUU: "Tenemos que mirar y asegurarnos de que estamos prestando atención a lo que hacemos, para no instituir reflexivamente procesos y procedimientos que excluyan a las personas sin pensar."

Así es como servimos con intención. Enseñar con intención. Contratar con intención. Juntos, podemos asegurarnos de que todas las personas que han sufrido abuso, y los niños y las familias en riesgo, sepan que estamos aquí para ellos, sin distinción por su sexo, edad, nivel de ingresos, religión o etnia.

La necesidad es grande. Hay 763.864 personas en las comunidades a las que servimos. Su generosidad esta noche influirá en el número de personas a las que podremos llegar.

Gracias por acompañarnos esta noche en la celebración de nuestro pasado, presente y futuro con deliciosa comida, alegres bailes y un renovado compromiso con aquellos a quienes servimos.

Estoy muy contenta de estar aquí, dirigiendo esta increíble organización en este momento en particular. Espero conectarme con cada uno de ustedes en las próximas semanas y meses.

Alcancen conmigo....



Amarely Gutiérrez Oliver
Executive Director
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence





ABOUT US

What started as an all-volunteer shelter and hotline has evolved into a multi-service organization serving **7,000 people** a year in **27 communities** north and west of Boston. We are considered a leader in our field.

While some domestic violence organizations are only able to provide shelter or transitional living services, REACH accompanies survivors of abuse every step of their journey, as well as working to prevent future violence. Our emergency shelter and 24-hour hotline provide crisis intervention and support services to families fleeing from abuse.

We offer a range of services designed to provide immediate safety, meet the needs of survivors, and help them gain independence. Our Community-Based Advocacy Program allows survivors to receive many of the same services without having to relocate and leave community ties behind. This range of services allows REACH to work with individuals at various stages of their journey and to assist a far greater number of survivors than can be helped through shelter alone.

Because support services alone will not discourage violence, REACH also engages the community to increase knowledge of and prevent future cases of domestic violence. REACH was among the first domestic violence organizations in the state to have youth-focused prevention programming, and we are often enlisted by other organizations to lead training for staff and new hires.

Our prevention work, as well as our inclusive approach to services (recognizing the need to assist male and LGBTQ survivors without discrimination) is what distinguishes us from others in the field.



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Latoyia Edwards

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Latoyia Edwards is an Emmy Award-winning anchor on NBC10 Boston and necn.

She joined the NBC Boston and necn family as a morning reporter in 2005, arriving from WWLP-22 in Springfield, Massachusetts, where she had been a weekday anchor.

A native of Boston's Dorchester neighborhood, Latoyia graduated magna cum laude from Emerson College with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. She began her career as a news writer for WBZ 1030-AM radio, and later reported for the Fox affiliate WICZ-TV 40 in Binghamton, New York.

She first anchored television for MediaOne cable news network, while also reporting as the morning drive news anchor for WILD 1090AM.

Additionally, Latoyia has instructed courses for the Connecticut School of Broadcasting.

In 2002, she was crowned Miss Massachusetts in the USA pageant. She is married, and greatly enjoys volunteering with youth groups.

AUCTIONEER

Tom Best

The Auction Collective



Tom Best is the founder of The Auction Collective – an international auction platform that helps people run in-person and online auctions.

Tom is a former Christie's auctioneer and Contemporary Art Specialist. Following a master's degree in art history from St Andrew's University, Tom started his career at Christie's Auction House as a Specialist in Impressionist & Modern art then later Post-War & Contemporary art – he was one of the youngest auctioneers to take to a Christie's rostrum. Tom spent six years at Christie's London as an auctioneer, and two years in humanitarian aid at the Start Network before combining these twin passions for art and social good in The Auction Collective.

In 2020, 2021 and 2022 Tom was recognized as a Spears 500 Top Recommended Art Advisor and in 2014 was a finalist in the Young Turk Awards for Art Adviser of the Year. Tom has raised over £20 million in over 250 international charity auctions in 12 countries.

Reach for the Stars GALA HISTORY

This year is our 19th Annual *Reach for the Stars* Gala event. Over the years, the gala has been held in many different spaces and places. This year, after being apart for over 3 years, we are gathering for a reception-style event – allowing us to mix and mingle with one another while making an impact on a cause that affects all of us. It's also an opportunity for us to introduce our new Executive Director, Amarely Gutiérrez Oliver.

Since its inception, the event committee, volunteers, board, and staff have worked together to make *Reach for the Stars* into an extraordinary annual event—both a successful fundraiser for REACH's programs and services, and a valuable opportunity to raise awareness about domestic violence.

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE!

If you would like to be part of the planning process for the 2024 *Reach for the Stars* Gala, REACH welcomes your ideas and involvement. We have many opportunities for participation depending on your strengths or interests.

Ask your company to consider sponsoring the event. Team up with a friend to sell tickets to the event. Talk to the manager at your favorite restaurant about donating a gift certificate for our auction. Help in the office as the event gets closer. Invite a friend to join with you!

We encourage you to join us in the work to end domestic violence in your community. Please contact **Jean Doliber** at jean@reachma.org for more information.

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To make a donation during the live special appeal, raise your paddle at the designated level you wish to donate or visit reach23.givesmart.com and go to the "Donate Now" section of our home page. Click on the amount you wish to donate or enter your preferred amount in the box below. All donations are 100% tax-deductible.

VALUE

Auction donors have provided fair market value as accurately as possible for all items. "Priceless" indicates that the item has no ascertainable market value. REACH Beyond Domestic Violence has described the items as accurately as possible and cannot be held responsible for any discrepancies in stated value or details that may occur.

CHECK OUT/PAYMENT

Auction items and donations made throughout the evening should be paid for at the end of the *Reach for the Stars* Gala on April 29th. In order to begin bidding, you must have a credit card on file. At the close of the event, you will receive a text prompting you to check out and pay.

**Please note that any orders that remain unpaid by Monday, May 1, 2023, at noon, will automatically be processed with the card on file unless you make arrangements with us prior to then.*

PORTAGE

Please [make sure](#) to provide your email address when you register so that we can connect with you regarding your item.

For physical items, if you do not take your item with you after the event is over, we will have designated pickup window times at our office in Waltham for you to come by and pick them up. If you require special accommodation, we will work with you to arrange delivery.

For other items, we will provide details on redeeming via email or mail and provide any applicable vouchers.

The Fine Print:

All winning auction bids are final and binding. There will be no exchanges or refunds on items. Please do not request refunds or exchanges from donors. All items have been donated to and sold by REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, not by the donor. Please take care to read all specifications and limitations. By participating in the auction, each bidder recognizes and agrees that neither REACH Beyond Domestic Violence nor any donor shall be liable for any occurrence resulting from the purchase, ownership, use, or enjoyment of auctioned items and services. Gift certificates should be treated as cash and cannot be reissued if destroyed or misplaced. Winning bidders are encouraged to contact donors as soon as possible and well in advance of anticipated usage to arrange mutually convenient dates and times for auction item redemption. Unless otherwise specified, auction items and services must be used on or before April 29, 2024. Most packages carry specific restrictions/expiration dates. Please review the descriptions carefully.



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Leslie George & Andy Ross





Wishing

REACH another successful Gala!

Helen & George Massaro



Thank you to

the REACH team for meeting challenges
with continued strength and grace.

Mary Ann & Peter Mattoon





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Welcome



Amarely Gutiérrez-Oliver,
REACH's New Executive Director

and

Judith Castor
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Together with amazing staff, board,
and supporters, let's continue to
Reach for the Stars!



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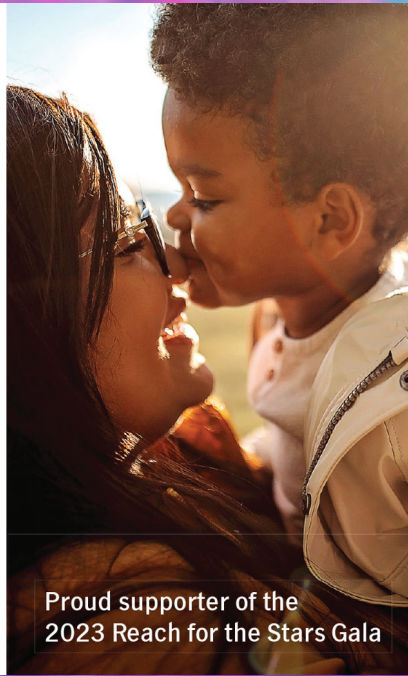
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Christine & David Konys



Thank you

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Sally Marrer & Stephen Langlois

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Resources

Supporting a friend or loved one who is experiencing abuse can be extremely difficult. Our job is to create a space for someone where they feel safe enough to share and where they feel in control of their decisions. One of the most helpful things you can do is to listen and to validate. Remind them how strong they are for speaking out and keep the line of communication open, regardless of whether they decide to leave the relationship or not.

If Someone is in Immediate Danger:

Dial 911 (Emergency)

For Crisis Support and Emergency Shelter:

REACH's Hotline 800-899-4000

For Community Based Services, Advocacy Services, and Prevention Education:

REACH Office 781-891-0724

REACH is a member of **Jane Doe, Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence**. We partner with other organizations all over the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and beyond. To find a local agency close to you or for more information, visit www.janedoe.org.

There is also a **statewide hotline** for questions and emergency shelter:

Safelink 877-785-2020.

Organizations that are experts on domestic violence in same-sex relationships:

The Network/La Red

617-695-0877 | www.tnlr.org

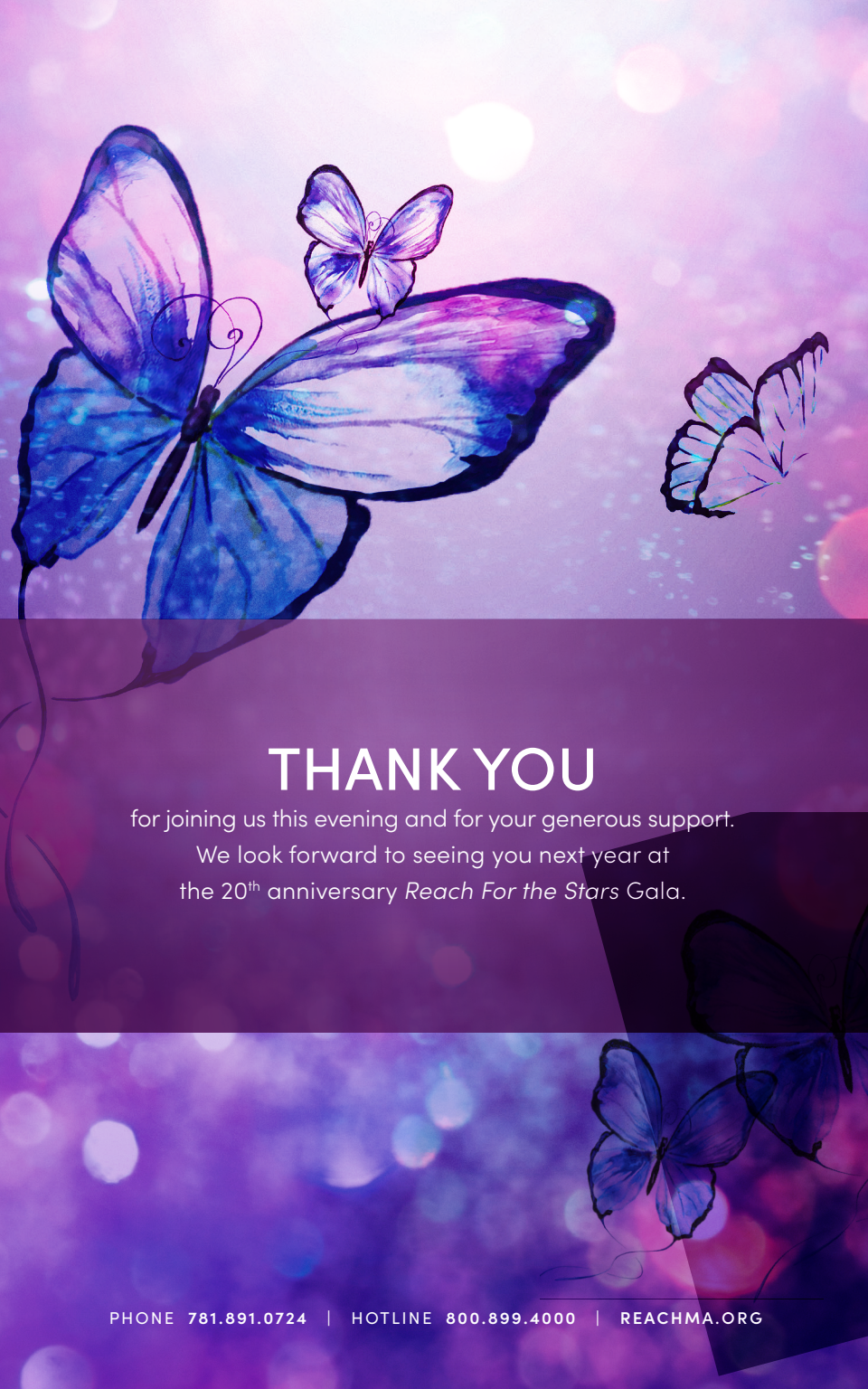
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for joining us this evening and for your generous support.

We look forward to seeing you next year at
the 20th anniversary *Reach For the Stars* Gala.